



The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
10:45 am

Welcome

Opening Songs

*Our God*

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You  
Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You  
  
Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Our God is greater

Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
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Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God!

*Who Do You Say I Am?*

What do they say in the  
Cities and towns, of me?  
Who do they say I am?  
Some say John the Baptist  
And some say Elijah  
It's clear few understand

But who do you say I am?  
Who do you say I am?  
You're the Messiah!  
You are my king!  
Lord, You're our Savior!

You're the light in all things

What do they say in the  
Furrows and fields, of me?  
Who do they say I am?  
Some say John the Baptist  
And some say Elijah  
It's clear few understand

But who do you say I am?  
Who do you say I am?  
You're the Messiah

You are my king  
Lord, You're our Savior  
You're the light in all things

Light of the World  
God of All Grace  
Son of the Father and  
Ancient of Days  
Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come

But who do you say I am?

But who do you say I am?  
But who do you say I am?  
Who do you say I am?

You're the Messiah  
You are my king  
Lord, You're our Savior  
You're the light in all things  
You're the Messiah!

## Opening Acclamation

*Clergy* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Clergy* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the  
beard;

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

## Gospel Song

*The Word*

For the Word of God lives here  
Deep in our hearts  
And is sharper than the blade of any sword  
Grasses fade, flowers fall  
But God's love endures  
Please guide us  
O Lord to Your will  
This is God's Word.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart, Deacon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world: In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of Zion Episcopal Church in Pierrepont Manor. We also pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Port Leyden. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of El Salvador as they celebrate Independence Day. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Nevada and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Anglican Church of Tanzania and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: Stir up in us a thirst for justice that

protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of abundance that you have given us. God of justice, **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Give us courage to strive for justice and equality among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need: For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, for the lonely and those who mourn; and for those we name now \_\_\_\_\_. Awaken in us compassion as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy, **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For those lost to the pandemic; for military personnel and public servants who have given their lives in service to our nation; and for those we name now \_\_\_\_\_. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

## Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.**

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## The Peace

*Clergy*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      And also with you.

## Offertory

*In You O Lord (Psalm 71)*

Michael Larkin

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Priest*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Communion

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion. They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection. Prayer stations are located near the bell tower at the top of the hill and on the right side near the lake.*

## Music at Communion

### *My Victory*

You came for criminals And ev'ry Pharisee You came for hypocrites Even one like me	Oh Your blood in crimson streams Oh Your death is Hell's defeat A cross meant to kill is my victory
You carried sin and shame The guilt of ev'ry man The weight of all I've done Nailed into Your hands	Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again
Oh Your love bled for me Oh Your blood in crimson streams Oh Your death is Hell's defeat A cross meant to kill is my victory	Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again
Oh Your amazing grace I've seen and tasted it It's running through my veins I can't escape its grip In You my soul is safe You cover everything	Oh Your love bled for me Oh Your blood in crimson streams Oh Your death is Hell's defeat A cross meant to kill is my victory
Oh Your love bled for me	Oh a cross meant to kill is my victory!

## The Postcommunion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Clergy* May the heavens bless you.  
May sun shine on you.  
May the rain dance on your upturned face  
May the stars make you wonder and smile.  
May the bounty and beauty of the earth bless you, and may you bless the earth in planting and protest and sharing food.

And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

**Closing Song**

*Sing Sing Sing*

(We will) sing sing sing  
And make music with the heavens  
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

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We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You  
Heaven and earth adore You  
Kings and kingdoms bow down

Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

You are the love that frees us  
You are the light that leads us  
Like a fire burning  
Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

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Lift high the name of Jesus

**Dismissal**

*Clergy* Go now.  
Go and revel in God's world.  
Go and be creative.  
Go and work for justice.  
Go and love your neighbors.  
Go and walk with God.  
Amen. Alleluia.

*All* **Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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