The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Trinity Church
Jacksonville, Illinois

PRELUDE

Toccata Festiva Franklin Ritter

The Word of God

The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN

***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Lauda anima)* (H 410)**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

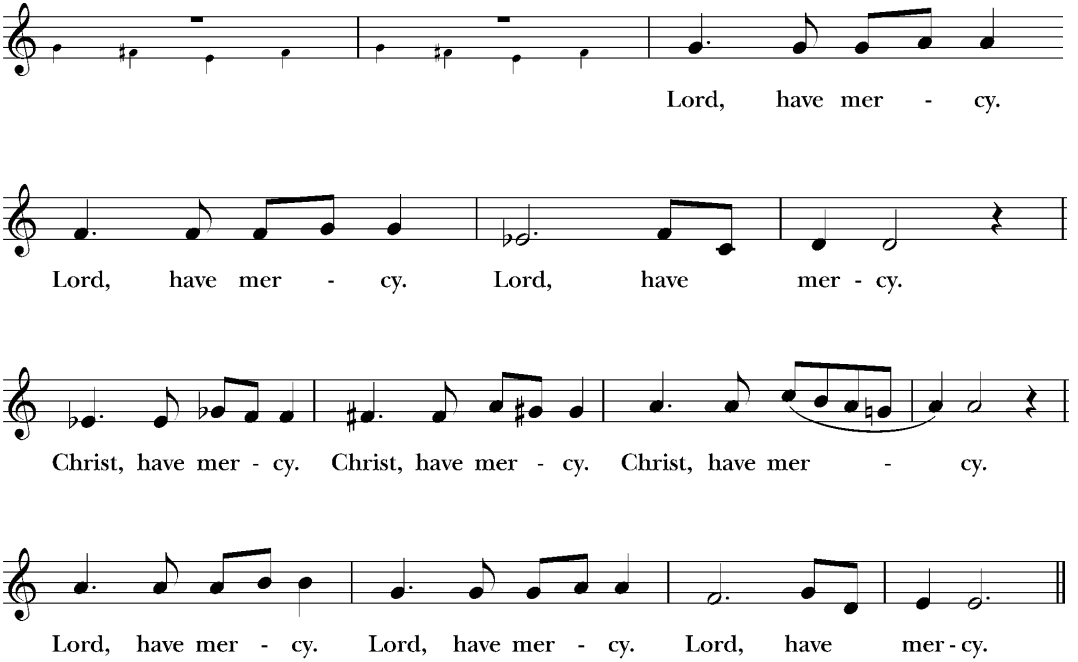
COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE *S 98 Lord, have mercy upon us (Mathias)* (S 98)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a
grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they
approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to
Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming
you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."
Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him,
and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am
I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for
good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I
myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking
kindly to them.

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

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, **
and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
4 *He redeems your life from the grave **
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 *The LORD executes righteousness **
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
8 *The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, **
slow to anger and of great kindness.

[9]He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
*[10]He has not dealt with us according to our sins, **
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
[11]For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
*[12]As far as the east is from the west, **
so far has he removed our sins from us.
[13]As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

[1]Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. [2]Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. [3]Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. [4]Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

[5]Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. [6]Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

[7]We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. [8]If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. [9]For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

[10]Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. [11]For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
[12]So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

All stand.

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Cantor It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
and to sing praises unto thy name, o most highest.
People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[21]Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" [22]Jesus said to him, "Not seven
times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
[23]"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves. [24]When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten
thousand talents was brought to him; [25]and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to
be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be
made. [26]So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I
will pay you everything.' [27]And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him
and forgave him the debt. [28]But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his
fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said,
'Pay what you owe.' [29]Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have
patience with me, and I will pay you.' [30]But he refused; then he went and threw him into
prison until he would pay the debt. [31]When his fellow slaves saw what had happened,
they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken
place. [32]Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you
all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33]Should you not have had mercy on your
fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' [34]And in anger his lord handed him over to be
tortured until he would pay his entire debt. [35]So my heavenly Father will also do to every
one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

All kneel.

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for **Brian, Sean, Sarah, Carlos, Thomas, and Zachary**;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority, especially for **Donald**, our President, **JB**, our Governor, **Bentley, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Mia, Nolan, and Rankin**;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake and remember those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially **Owen, Fr. Kip, and Ethan;**
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially on **Annette and Patrick**;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Thomas and Eleanor;**
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

In the communion of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, and St. David**, we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

CHOIR ANTHEM

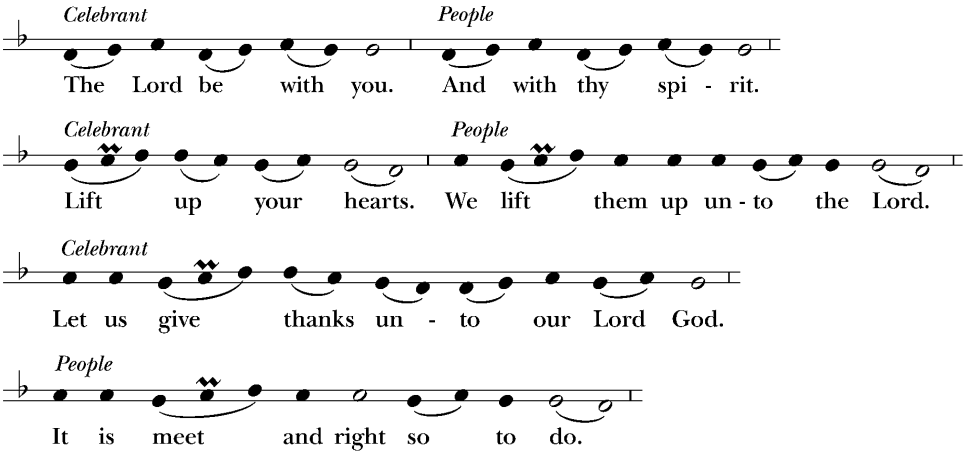
Teach Us, Good Lord Carl Schalk

OFFERTORY HYMN

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over (Christe sanctorum) **(H 1)**

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA *S 112 Lift up your hearts* (BCP p. 333)



PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)

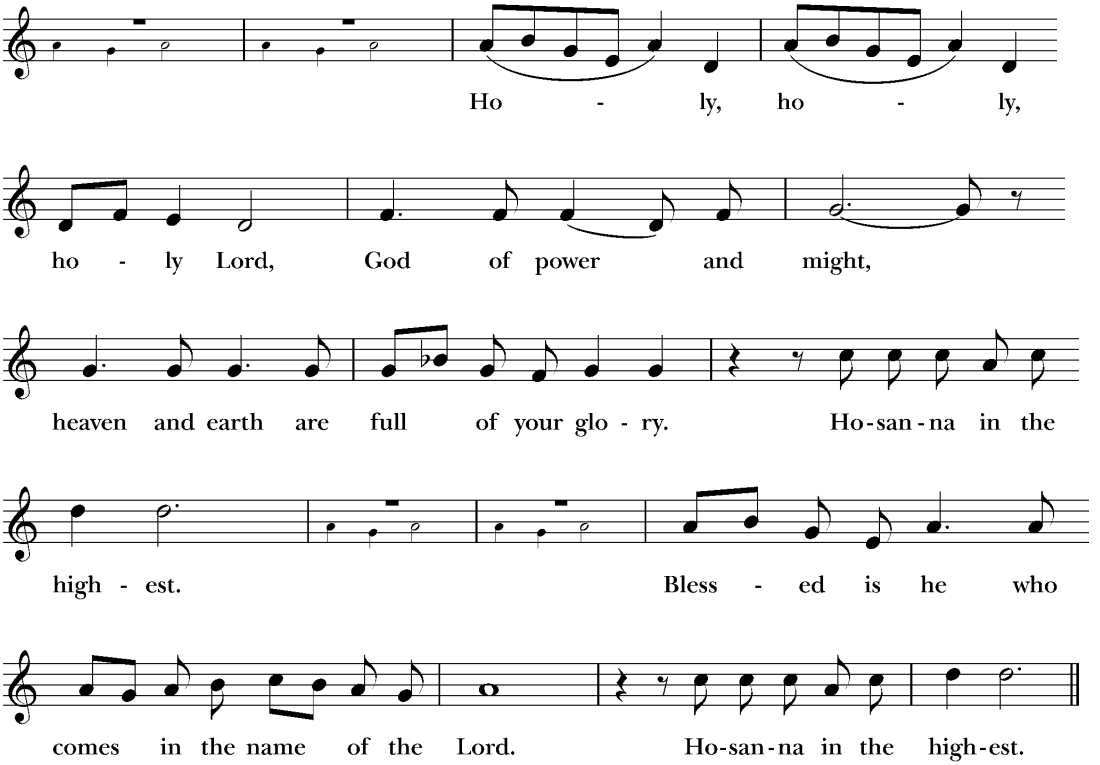
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS *S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)* (S 128)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

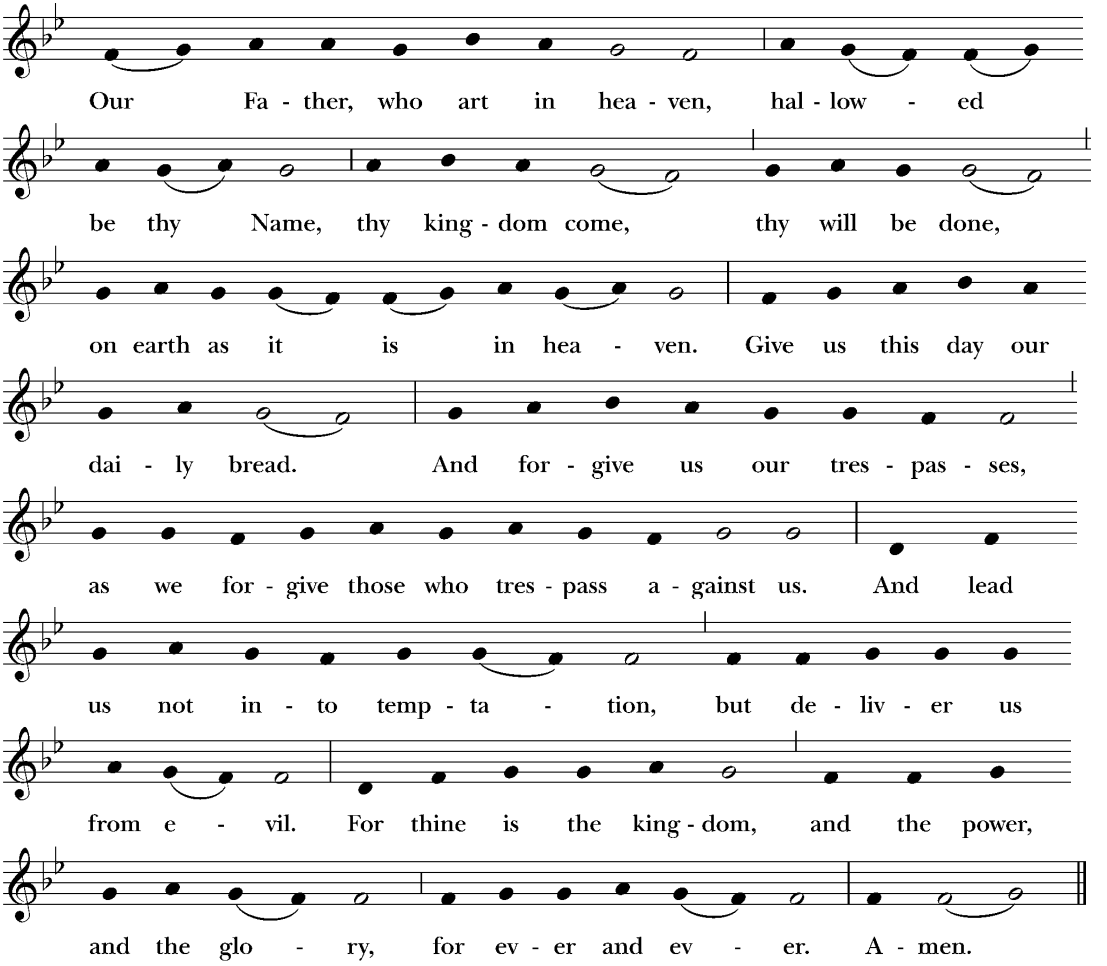
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

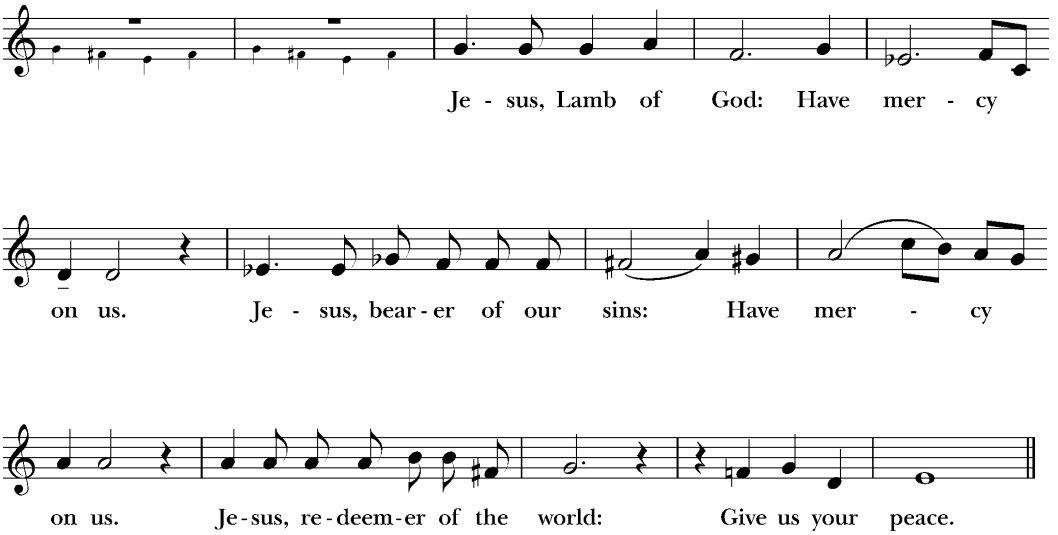
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER ***S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*** **(BCP p. 336)**



The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 165 Jesus, Lamb of God (Mathias)* (BCP p. 337)



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney) **(H 516)**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren) **(H 390)**

POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato George Blake

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INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

The Church

The Diocese of Springfield	Brian, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Sean, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, & Polynesia

St. Matthew's (Bloomington)	Thomas, Rector

Kabuhima Parish (Tanzania)

Birthday

Owen Cisne (9/17)

Baptism

Fr. Kip Ashmore (9/19)
Ethan Scott (9/10)

Those on active military duty and in law enforcement

Bentley Clayton	Cail Lang	Nolan Welch
Levi Haley	Samuel Rankin Weller	Courtland Woodruff
		Mia Yamada

For those who suffer from any sickness or distress

Annette	Patrick

The Departed

Thomas	Eleanor

MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant

Organist:	Mary Wilson
Lector:	Forrest Keaton
Acolyte:	Clayton Robb
Ushers:	Chuck Crim & Carl Meisner
Altar Guild:	K-Lou Ashmore, Janet Cisne & Melissa Evans
Coffee Hour:	Adah, Pat, Ginda & Pat

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The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Thomas & Eleanor Auner

"***May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory."***

Monday, September 14: **Holy Cross Day** (Major Feast)
10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, September 15: 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 16: 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 20: **The Seventeenth after Pentecost**
(Feast of our Lord)
8:00 am The Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Church School