

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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

All: Amen.

The people sit.

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

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?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, '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. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 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. 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 103:1-13

The Lord is Full of Compassion and Mercy

Thomas Pavlechko

The Choir intones; all repeat. The Psalm is then chanted in harmony.



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.



- 8 The LORD is full of com-[passion] and mercy,*
slow to anger, ... and of [great] kindness.
- 9 He will not [always] accuse us,*
nor will he keep his [anger] forever.

- 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 a-[bove] 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 re-[moved] our sins from us.
- 13 As a father [cares for] his children,*
so does the LORD care for [those] who fear him.

Antiphon

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 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. 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.

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. 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.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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. For it is written,

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponi

Organ



Choir first, then all



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu — ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu — ia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

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?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

Please stand for the Nicene Creed as you are able.

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.

Prayers of the People (Form VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

**All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor: For Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula Clark, our Bishop, and for Fran our priest, and Steve our Deacon;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor: We pray now especially for those in our community.

The names of parish members will be read.

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.
The people sit.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Just As a Father

Luigi Cherubini

Just as a father, full of compassion,
offers loving kindness unto all his children,
so the Lord is gracious to those who love him

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy Holy S125

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people kneel, or stand, as they are able.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

The first system of musical notation for 'Eat This Bread' consists of a treble and bass staff in G major and common time. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features similar melodic and harmonic patterns as the first system, concluding with a final cadence in both staves.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate. After taking communion you may request healing prayer from the Prayer Ministers who will be on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct participants.

Communion Anthem

O Taste and See

Timothy Flynn (b. 1983)

O taste and see how gracious is the Lord.
How blest are those who hope in the Lord.

Communion Hymn 606

Ubi Caritas

Home Eucharistic Ministers Prayer

Celebrant: Katie and Dan, we send you out to share Communion with those members of our community who cannot be physically present with us here in church today.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

Blessing

The Celebrant will offer a blessing.

Sending Forth Hymn 347

Litton

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Today's beautiful altar flower arrangements were gifted by Larry and Liz Engel for the Glory of God and thanksgiving for Liz's birthday.



Upcoming Church Events

- ❖ Saturday, Sept. 23 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fay's Finest BBQ
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 1 – 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 8 – 9:30 a.m. Bishop Paula Clark presiding over service; 75th Anniversary Celebration and brunch to follow service
- ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 25 – 4:30 Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Ludtke Hall

See *The Pulse* for details on our events.

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Please contact our office to be added to our weekly email list:

parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596

Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Services may be viewed on Facebook and YouTube:

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Morning Prayer:

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for this day.

Strengthen my resolve
to love and show mercy
throughout the day.

Lead my feet
to your holy dwelling place,
and guide the work I have
to do for today.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Merciful God,
thank you for keeping me
in the safety of your arms
and for new mercies
and the glory you showed
through the day.
Keep my family and me
through the night.
I thank and praise you!
In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Jubilee Celebration

75 YEARS OF
PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL,
SERVING THE COMMUNITY,
AND WELCOMING ALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

Please join us for:

Our 9:30 a.m. service with Bishop Clark

The blessing of our remodeled facilities

A celebratory reception

Your RSVP is requested to:

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RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Philippians 4:4