

16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 13 September 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **Voluntary in D minor**, Z. 719
Henry Purcell

All creatures of our God and King (*Stand*) **Hymn 400**
vv. 1, 4-7

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant continues

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

Song of Praise **Hymn S 236**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Children’s Chapel (*9:00 a.m. only*)

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel
for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

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. *[Genesis 50:15-21]*

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

Psalm 103:8-13

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Kellow J. Pye

- 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.

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans

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.
[Romans 14:1-12]

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

Come down, O Love divine (*Stand*) **Hymn 516**

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

[Matthew 18:21-35]

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(Stand)*.....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)*

At the end of each petition

Leader Lord, we are in need of your mercy;
People have patience with us.

The Confession & Absolution..... **BCP 360**

The Peace..... **BCP 360**

Announcements

The Blessing of Sunday School teachers *(9:00 a.m. only)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory***At the river***
arr. Aaron Copland

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts *(Stand)* **Hymn 432, v.4**

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Sanctus *(Sung by all)* **Hymn S 125**

The Lord’s Prayer..... **BCP 364**

Fraction *(Sung by all)*.....**Hymn S 154**

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns.....**334, 306, 674**

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Kneel)*..... **BCP 365**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant *N.*, we send you forth in the Name of this
Congregation, to *N.* bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all
share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Praise my soul, the King of heaven *(Stand)***Hymn 410**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Prelude in D Major**, BuxWV 139
Dieterich Buxtehude

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Susan Collar Ross in loving memory of
Roger and Marge Collar.*

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
service is livestreamed
11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.....Sung ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer
5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to
praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Charley, Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Ira Gay, Gary Wayne, Nancy, Paula, Bruce, Jeff, Sherry Belskie, Zannah Lyle, Naomi, Jacqueline Heckel, William Irvine, Monica, Kelsey & Baby Amelia Edwards, Ralph Turner, Stephen Parker Mason, Earle

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacon; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders