

September 28, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Processional Song

Opening Sentences,
Book of Common Prayer 355

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

A Reading / Psalm

Song

The Gospel

Sharing the Good News

The Creed

The Prayers

The Confession & Absolution

The PeaceBCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's PrayerBCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Administration

Communion Song

Post Communion PrayerBCP 365

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The DismissalBCP 366

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In, standing

Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymnal 555

The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise

The Gloria

Hymnal S278

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Amos 6:1a,4-7

Note: The prophet continues his criticism of the rich. Their fault is not in their wealth, but in their casual indifference to the world around them. They acknowledge no connection and no responsibility for the trouble in their culture. This indifference comes with a price. Who or what are we indifferent toward whom God might be leading us?

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 Lauda, anima mea

Note: This one of the closing "halleluiah" psalms of the Psalter. We praise the Lord and acknowledge God as sure and certain, the single dependable force in creation, At the same time God dependability relates to God's reaching out to us and especially to those

in need. The "righteous" are those who act in this very image of God toward the marginal of our society. Where might we see our righteousness in this place and time?

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Note: We continue our semi-continuous reading of this letter. Here we have some familiar teachings about money and possessions. A preoccupation with the acquiring of wealth can crowd out the larger place God should have in our life and the more durable gifts of "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness". Where has the love of money gotten in the way of our faith or our life?

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Sequence Hymn, standing

O Bless the Lord

Hymnal 411, vs.1-3,6

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Note: The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is more than a cautionary tale about the everlasting punishment of those who ignore the plight of the needy. It also tells us that there are consequences when we think we have no responsibility to the world outside our

gates. What might be the real time consequences for our irresponsibility in this world?

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Homily

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standing

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing

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Greetings and Announcements

Eucharist Ministry Service

Eucharistic Ministers Dedication of Sorensen Eucharist Travel Kit

Blessing of Hands

The Confession of Sin

The Peace, standing

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory

The Doxology, standing

When Love Is Spoken Here

Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda

The Sanctus

The Canon, kneeling or standing.

THE GREAT AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymnal S114

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Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Choir Meditation

Come, Risen Lord

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Hymnal 306

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

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Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those in whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Recessional Hymn:

Praise to the Lord

Hymnal 390

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response

Thanks be to God.

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