

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Val Valiquette & Holly Henebry in memory of Valmore C. Valiquette; and by Stephen Larrabee & family in memory of Christopher Larrabee and other victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Important Covid Safety Reminders

In accordance with LA County Public Health requirements, Bishop Taylor has requested that although social distancing is no longer required, masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household at all times on campus, both indoor and outdoor.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Aria (op. 51)

Flor Peeters

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn #525, vv. 1, 2, 5

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her
Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the
Three in
One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is
word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy
birth; one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy
won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that
bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
died.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that
we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
him who sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The 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. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 backwards.

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

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response Psalm 116:1-8, *Dilexi, quoniam*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 116 responsively by whole verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

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.**

The Second Lesson James 3:1-12

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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Sequence Hymn **Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said** Hymn #675, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next four lines. The third staff contains the final four lines. The lyrics are: 'Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if / Take up your cross, let not its weight fill / Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and / Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor / you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with / your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your / calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a - / think till death, to lay it down; for on - ly those who / will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me. / spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm. / bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave. / bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.'

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-38

Celebrant 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.'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

**All 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 human.**

**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.
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.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

The Lord inclines his ear to us, he hears our voice and our supplication. Therefore, let us pray for the church and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, “hear our prayer.”

For grace to confess the Jesus as the Messiah, to deny ourselves and take our cross and follow, unashamed of our Lord and his words. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and teachers of the Word, that they, knowing they will be judged with greater strictness, will guard their tongues and proclaim the truth with wisdom.

For our St Francis parish, that in this time of seeking, the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit may search our hearts, so that we may come to understand the needs of our parish, and through your wisdom define the path to meet our needs knowing that the journey is to be treasured as much as the destination. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our nation and state, for members of congress and legislatures, for all who hold influence in government, society, and media, that they and all of us may learn to guard our tongues and speak in accordance with grace—not words of evil and cursing—but words of goodness and blessing. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the victims of 9/11, for all first responders, and for our military services, that, always remembering the tragedy of that day, we may commit ourselves to the security and well being of our nation and the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those suffering from effects of wildfires, hurricanes, floods, and disease.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to the pandemic, and for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. . .

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud).

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed St Francis and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

From Enriching our Worship

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,

**All God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.

Offertory Anthem

O Sing Gently

Eric Whitacre

*May we sing together, always
May our voice be soft
May our singing be music for others
And may it keep others aloft
Sing, sing gently, always
Sing, sing as one (as one)*

*May we stand (may we stand) together, always
May our voice be strong
May we hear the singing and
May we always sing along (along)
Sing, sing gently, always
Sing, sing as one (as one)
Singing gently as one*

Singers: St. Francis Choir and Friends

Music Note from the Composer

In March of 2020, as the COVID-19 crisis began to unfold around the world, it became clear that this moment in history was going to be remembered as one of great suffering for many people, as well as a time of growing division and dissent. It seemed that as the global community began to isolate physically from one another, the same kind of isolation was happening on a social level, that the very fabric of society was tearing at the seams.

In that spirit I wrote the music and words to 'Sing Gently' with the hope that it might give some small measure of comfort for those who need it, and that it might suggest a way of living with one another that is compassionate, gentle, and kind.

Sing Gently received its premiere online on July 19th, 2020, performed by the 17,572 singers of Virtual Choir 6.

-Eric Whitacre

*Please STAND, as able,
The Offertory Prayers*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people join in reading the parts in bold.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.

The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 forever. *Amen.*

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

**All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant 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.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. *A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Please return to your seats before consuming the elements. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Following communion, please STAND, as able,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life;
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 Blessing

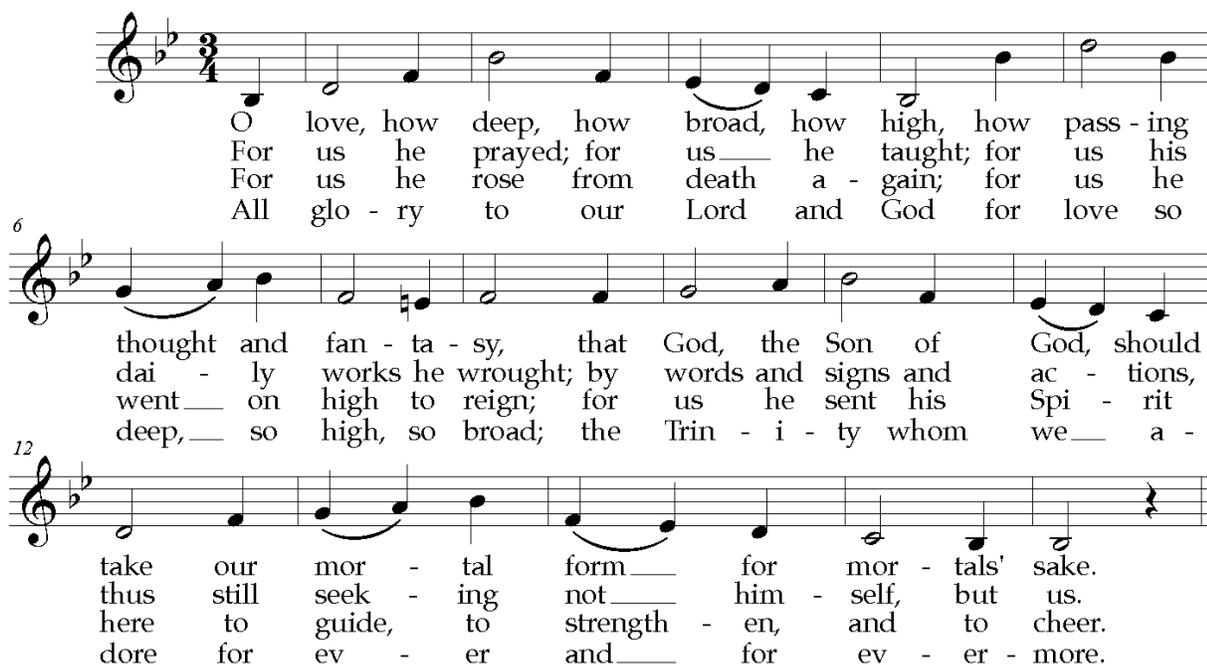
Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Recessional Hymn

O Love, How Deep

Hymn #448, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6



O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so
6
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, should
dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and ac - tions,
went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spi - rit
12
deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom we a -
take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music.
Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Sending Forth.*

Please join us for a coffee fellowship under the arches.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Names of those we pray for this week.

All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families: Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

All those who are sick or in need of any kind: Andrea, Barbara, Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Jeff Ferme, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Jonah and Jada Woullard, Ted Wong, Joan Youd.

