

*The service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 12, 2021, 10AM

Welcome! We are glad that you are here to worship with us today. Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation. Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door. You are invited to be part of our faith community.

***Masks are required while you are indoors in the Church,
for the health and safety of children and those who cannot be vaccinated.
The service cannot proceed unless everyone over the age of two years
is masked.***



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Thank you for worshipping with us today. If our service has ministered to you, please consider making a donation to All Saints'. You can use our offering plate at the rear of the church; or scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone, which takes you to our on-line giving portal. We depend on the donations to fund our ministries and mission. Thanks!

Our Ministers Today

Ushers Tom Hackett, David Thursfield
Lector Sean Ragiel
Intercessor Waring Webb
Cantor Kimberly Celeste

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath, *Rector*
The Rev. Shawn Carty, *Priest Associate*
Alison Siener Brown, *Director of Music*
Susie Harris, *Parish Administrator*

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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	Arthur Frackenpohl
Processional Hymn 440, <i>Blessed Jesus, at thy word</i>	<i>Kimberly Celeste, cantor</i>	LIEBSTER JESU
The Opening Acclamation		BCP, p. 355
The Collect for Purity		
Gloria		BCP, p. 356
The Collect of the Day		
The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.		
The Lessons:		
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.		ISAIAH 50:4-9A
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 backward. 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?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8 *said antiphonally starting with the lectern (Epistle) side,
and the pulpit (Gospel) side responding*

**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.**

Sequence Hymn 675, *Take up your cross, the Savior said*
sung by the cantor

BOURBON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. MARK 8:27-389

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP, p. 392

The Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace *Please exchange God's Peace without shaking hands.*

All Saints' Announcements

September 12, 2021

Welcome Home Party! Join us outside today for a festive Welcome Home Party – cake & beverages – after the 10am service. Please plan to gather with us and reconnect after many months of our parish family being apart!

Worship Boxes for Children (*new this fall*) – We know that kids pay attention and listen better when their hands are busy or they can wiggle a bit, so we have made Worship Boxes for children to have in the pews with them.

What are these? How do they work?

- Each child Toddler-Grade 8 is given a Worship Box with their name on it to use whenever they come to Church.
- Each box contains quiet activities and an age-appropriate Bible that will help kids pay attention while worshipping with their families.
- Each box has a “Worship Notes” page with questions about the day’s service and a picture to color – crayons or colored pencils, too!
- Boxes are stored in the Narthex at the end of every service –ready for next time.
- Guest boxes are available.

All Saints Handbell and Junior Choir - Our Junior Choir will be ringing handbells for the first part of this year, and we want to invite YOU to join us. Rehearsals will be in person on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 beginning on Thursday, September 23. Children in grade 2 and older and adults are welcome, no previous ringing experience is needed. You will learn everything you need to know at rehearsal! *For more information or to sign up speak to Alison Siener Brown (asienerbrown@gmail.com).*

Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, 9/23 at 7:30pm in the Church. We'll wear special singer's masks, be spread out in the nave, and have the ultra-violet ventilation system running. If you love to sing, we'd love to have you join us. *For more information or to sign up speak to Alison Siener Brown (asienerbrown@gmail.com).*

Parish Family Sunday School – we are trying an experiment this year: the parish family learning together. **We will meet twice a month in the Parish House after the 10 am service.** Children, teens, parents, adults are all invited to be part of learning together and building friendships across the generations within our parish family. We will use materials based on “Manna & Mercy: a Brief History of God’s Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe.” It is a re-telling of God’s big story in the Bible in a format that looks a bit like a graphic novel. We’ll start the group later in September. Look for more about this soon!

Bible Study starts this Wednesday at 10:15am on Zoom. Our theme for the fall will be *Care for God's Creation*, looking at passages from both Old & New Testaments. If there is enough interest, we can also run this group on Wednesday evenings. Please email Mother Vicki to sign up for the Zoom link and/or inquire about an evening group: allsaints_rector@hotmail.com. (*Note: when the COVID-19 levels in Morris County have stabilized at the yellow/medium level we will consider making this group hybrid – both in-person and on-line*).

Faith@Home Bags can be picked up today. They will contain materials to help your faith and prayer at home. *Bags will be available for families with children, but anyone may request a bag* by signing up on the sheet in Narthex or emailing Mother Vicki: allsaints_rector@hotmail.com. If you need your bag mailed to you, please let us know.

Rummage Sale News

Collection times this week: Mon. 9/13, 3-5pm; Tues 9/14, 5-6pm ♦ Wed 9/15, 7-8:30pm ♦ Sun 9/19 noon-2pm.

We need: Sturdy cardboard boxes – appx 2x3 feet

Baked goods for the bake sale table – see Carol Berry (chair)

Donations for the food sale table – see Barbara Barbeau (chair)

Parking arrangements & signs for Sale Day – see Susie Harris (for info)

And we still need help to price, sort, box, set-up the Sale, work the event, clean up on Saturday, Oct. 2, 9am-2pm. Contact Kimberly Celeste with questions: celestewk@msn.com. This is both a major fundraiser and a wonderful community event. Please get involved and lend a hand!

Worship this Fall - as we begin to gather after the summer, we will continue our COVID-19 practices for the health and safety of all (ventilation, masks, alternate pew seating, sign-in, Communion in bread only). We will also observe the following:

- Children will be in worship for the whole service with their families and their parish family.
- The 10am service will be slightly shorter - this is to help with ventilation and with children's attention span.
- We will need to keep being flexible as the COVID-19 levels in our area fluctuate.

Thank you for your prayerful respect, patience, and consideration for one another as our Christian community practices our faith in a spirit of care for one another and our neighbors.