

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Building a joyful community of faith in Christ through worship, learning, praise and service

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

September 12, 2021, 8:00 am

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie & Gloria

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Glorify be to God on high**, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons:

A reading from the Book of 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

- 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.

A reading from the Book of James.

JAMES 3:1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

MARK 8:27-38

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our diocesan Bishop, Vicki and Shawn our clergy, and the Community of St. John Baptist, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president and Philip our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list: Annie, Mike Cappiello; the Carter family; Matthew Frost; the Holt family; Betty Konrad; the McNulty family; Phyllis Wallace; our troops returning from Afghanistan and refugees, and those still seeking to evacuate; those recovering from the flooding and destruction from the hurricane; are there others you wish to name?.....

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Martha & Greg Story, Francis; Jackie & Michael Sullivan, Holly, Jill & Sarah; Jon Taynor; Marcie Teele; Charlene & Steve Teo, Matthew & Catherine; Afsaneh Thursfield & Kayden.

And for our parish ministries and our civic community, especially for: [All Saints' Ushers](#); and the [Long Hill Township Schools, Teachers & Students](#).

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

With Christians around the world we ask thy wisdom and guidance for world leaders who will gather in Glasgow at the UN Climate Change Conference; and give us the compassion and grace to be good stewards of your Creation.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially [Chip Carter who will be buried today](#), and those we name aloud or in our hearts _____, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People **Most merciful God**, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II *standing*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then deliver it to the people.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

Parish Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All Saints' Announcements

September 12, 2021



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!

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.

Clergy & Staff

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