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- The liturgy is taken from The Book of Common Prayer-

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 11:00 AM

Song of Entrance: **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** *Hymn to Joy*

PRESIDER: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

PRESIDER: 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.

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: 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 FIRST LESSON – 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.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon

♩ = 74

"Ancient Words"; Lynn DeShazo

An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, and chang-ing
you; We have come with open hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part. _____

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it
rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the
innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to
the eyes.

Antiphon

- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine
gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Antiphon

THE GOSPEL – MARK 8:27-38

PRESIDER: 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.”

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER LEADER: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. On this weekend when we commemorate the lives lost and lives forever changed on 9/11 of 2001, we lay claim to the hope that you are at work healing the world even when we see its brokenness. We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the Church gathered in your Holy Name, across the globe. For your life-giving ministry, entrusted to the first apostles and us. For people of

faith who glorify you and seek to do your will. We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the United States of America. For people who have made sacrifices in service to our nation and those who call her home: for military personnel, civil servants, elected officials, public servants, and for each citizen and resident. We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For the world, and the peoples of all nations. We pray for Re-establish Richmond, Episcopal Migration Ministries, and all who are responding to the needs of Afghani refugees. We pray for collaborative action across the globe to care for your Creation in ways that sustain life. We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For our mission partners across the globe: for Hope and Resurrection School, for wisdom and guidance for its leaders, and for people in Aitiaba, South Sudan, as they deal with catastrophic flooding. We pray also for our friends in Haiti, especially those being helped by Partners in Health, Light from Light, and Lespwa Timoun medical clinic and the churches of St. Marc and St. Simeon, near Port au Prince. We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For our local community, for health care workers, public health officials, and school teachers, administrators, and families, especially the students of Henry Marsh Elementary School We ask you to bless us, Lord,

PEOPLE: **To be a blessing.**

PRAYER LEADER: For people suffering the effects of flooding, fires, and COVID-19. For people enduring hardship and for people wanting your healing touch, Lord, especially _____, and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Pause

PEOPLE: We ask you to bless us, Lord,
To be a blessing.

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially _____, and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Pause

PEOPLE: We ask you to bless us, Lord,
To be a blessing.

PRESIDER: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRESIDER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

PRESIDER: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all

your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

PRESIDER: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

Song of Offering: **“Lord I Need You”**

Reeves/Stanfill/Maher/Nockels/Cars
on, arr. Tan

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PRESIDER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

PRESIDER: 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.**

PRESIDER: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

PRESIDER: 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.

Songs of the Table: **“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”**
Tomlin/Cash/Armstrong/Myrin/Redman

“Amazing Grace” *New Britain*

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Song of Dismissal: **“Hear Our Praises”** Morgan

PRESIDER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

With grateful hearts for God’s call to us all to be disciples of Jesus, and fellow journeyers of the Way of Love, we ask your prayers for the following persons preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or be received by the bishop into The Episcopal Church on September 18.

*Ryan David Arnold
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Kaitlin Hope Bucci
Max Burbrink
Nicholas Castellano
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Jan Thomas
Matthew Wamboldt
Taylor McNeil Wigner*

Thanks be to God
for all the GOOD, including...

Another year of *Being the Church* together. Happy Birthday, Christ Church!

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