



The Holy Eucharist

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 4, 2016

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION all stand *BCP, page 323*

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY all say together

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.

TRISAGION repeat 3 times *BCP, page 324*

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy name; and finally, by thy mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME all say together

Almighty God, we pray for the people of St. Mary's during this time of transition. May we be genuine in our self-reflection, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we seek to find, instill in us trust in your loving guidance. As we seek to challenge, unite us in our commitment to serve and to know Christ in each other and the world; As we seek to inspire, fill us with your bountiful spirit. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

all sit

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

PSALM 1

read responsively by half verse

BCP, p. 585

Beatus vir qui non abiit

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Luke 14:25-33

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Adapted from prayers written by Leighton Reid

Leader Let us pray for the church, and all God's creation.

Blessed are you, O Sovereign God, for you continue to make your grace known among
us. For those who speak your reconciling word in this age,

People **We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader Blessed are you, O caring God, for you hear the cries of the poor, see the tears of all those who mourn, feel the pain of those in anguish. For a spirit of compassion and service,

People **We give you praise, O God.**

Leader Blessed are you, O God of justice, for giving us the vision of harmony. For the will and courage to end prejudice and division,

People **We ask your help, O God.**

Leader Blessed are you, O God of strength, for you desire our health and wholeness. For wellness, patience, forbearance, and hope,

People **We look to you, O God.**

Leader Blessed are you, O God eternal, for your light perpetual shines upon us. Those who have died in the hope of the resurrection,

People **We commend to you, O God.**

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Deacon inserts concerns from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add their own prayers and thanksgivings.

Deacon God our father, you care for us and know all our needs. May we find rest in your love, and peace in your hope. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN all kneel or stand

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II all stand *BCP, page 340*

SANCTUS *BCP, page 341*

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP, page 336*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING all stand and say together *BCP, page 339*

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.

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR * *when needed

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

