



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 19)

September 17, 2023

TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

Angelus

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal 603

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

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.*

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.**

All Sit

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 8-13

Benedic, anima mea

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal 397

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Celebrant: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

All sit

TAILS OF HOPE

Linda Blick, Co-Chair and Sgt. David Kist

All stand

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.**

PRAYERS OF MEMORIAL AND REMEMBRANCE FOR K9 PATRICK

Let the earth glorify the Lord*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains
and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas and streams,*
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,*
And all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,*
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we remember before you today your beloved creature, Patrick. We thank you for giving him to us to be a source of abundant, love, affection, and joy. In your compassion, comfort us who grieve. Give us faith to commit him into your loving and eternal care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the Altar of Remembrance with Holy Water before offering the following prayer

Loving God, we return Patrick to your loving arms with gratitude for your care for us and for all that you have made. Your mercy is over all your works, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul

Hymnal 411

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People say together:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People & Celebrant: **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. Then is said,

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Celebrant says the following invitation

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

- ☞ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*
- ☞ *Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not our practice at this time: all are invited to either share in drinking from the Cup or to reverence the Precious Blood by approaching the chalice and bowing their heads.*
- ☞ *If you do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the priest.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: *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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CLOSING HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal 596

*The altar flowers are given today by Dawn
Byrnes-Miklas in memory of Michael G. Miklas*

Announcements

Fr. Raul Away September 17-28 – Fr. Raul and his family will be travelling to Uruguay September 17th-28th. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please reach out to our Parish Administrator, Lana Hoffert (info@trinitynbc.org), or the Wardens (vestry@trinitynbc.org), who will connect you with Fr. J. Brent Bates.

Commissioning Sunday – On **October 1st**, we will celebrate the launch of our program year by commissioning all our lay ministers at the 10am Holy Eucharist. We will especially be lifting up and celebrating our new Director of Music, Gia Dreyer!

Blessing of Animals—October 8th – Our beloved tradition of blessing our furry companions on the Feast of St. Francis continues this year on October 8th! Please bring your pets, service animals, and non-human friends to be receive God’s blessing as we celebrate the sacredness and beauty of Creation.

Compassionate Outreach

CFA September theme is “School Lunches” such as juice boxes, pudding, canned fruit, peanut butter crackers. All items graciously accepted.

Tails of Hope Foundation – TODAY Linda Blick and David Kist from the Tails of Hope Foundation are joining us for our Sunday service and sharing the history and accomplishments that we have shared over the past 10 years! The Outreach Committee are sponsoring a brunch following the service. 🐾

Community Thrift Shop

The shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm.* Donations are now accepted on Mondays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon!*

We will be doing our yearly volunteering on 9/26 & 9/28. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Any questions, please contact Janet Zacco zacjj67@aol.com