

The Holy Eucharist
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 17, 2023



St. Mary of the Harbor
Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Worship Guidance

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this leaflet, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Occasionally hymns may be drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your leaflet), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS).

Holy Communion

Our worship is centered in the sharing of Communion, and no matter what your background, you are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this Table. For health reasons you may wish to receive only the Bread. Please be assured that you have made your full communion whether you receive the Bread only, or if you receive both the Bread and the Wine. Eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being, we entrust you to take whatever health precautions seem best to you.

Hospitality after Sunday Service

Right after this service, a time of hospitality will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

Vestry Officers

Pat Penza, Senior Warden
John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden
John Loftin, Treasurer
Judy Dozois, Clerk

Vestry Members

Tim Brown	Harry Ellsworth
Phil Francini	Alex Glowacki
Anita McGahan	Janet Whelan

This Sunday's Leadership

Presider: *The Rev. Brian Raiche*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bruce Mason*

Organist: *Bill Carlson*; Crucifer: *Sharon Inger*; Lector: *Micah Trippe*; Healer: *Gerri Spinella*;

Ushers: *Tim Brown, Harry Ellsworth*; Altar Guild: *Sharon Inger*; Hospitality: *Carol Pesiri*;

Livestream: *John Carroll-Yagel*.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Prelude on *Cleansing Fountain*

Anthony Giamanco

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

O Bless the Lord, my soul

Hymnal #411

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be Christ's coming kingdom. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria

Hymnal #S280

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

(Pause for silent prayer)

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.

People: **Amen.**

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 servants." 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 103:1-13

Read responsively by full verse

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

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

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

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

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

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 the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymnal #400

Verses 1-2 Before the Gospel; Verse 3 after.



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain



O praise God O praise God Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

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 servants. 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 servant 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 servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servant who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow servant 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 servants 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 servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit. We remember those for whom our prayers have been requested: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Jim Neely, Ann English, Marsha Davies, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Donna, Marge, and Fran, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Joey Guerrero, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Beth Chapman, Giacomo, Jeffrey, Elizabeth, Richard Cuciniello, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, and those known only to you. *You may name aloud those for whom you wish to pray.*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them be fulfilled, including Georgia Coxe; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Lord God, forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

The Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship 1

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Liturgy of the Table

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Instrumental

Blessing of Pledges

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These pledges represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the many gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen

Presentation of the Gifts

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymnal #397

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

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

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be (+) the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Presider Alleluia. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

WLP #876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

Communion Hymns **Lord, Make Us Servants of your Peace** **Hymnal #593**
 Bless the Lord, my Soul **WLP #825**

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional **Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah** **Hymnal #690**

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude *Piece par Monsieur Babou 1709* Thomas Babou

Announcements

2023 Stewardship Appeal: *New Beginnings Rooted in Love*

Today is our In-Gathering/Stewardship Sunday. You should have received your Stewardship Pledge Form in the mail. If you did not bring your pledge to church with you this morning, please mail it to the office or bring it with you next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessing of the Animals – September 23rd

The Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter (CASAS) will celebrate Provincetown's Pet Appreciation Week with the annual Blessing of the Animals to be held here at the Church of Saint Mary of the Harbor followed by the Commercial Street Pet Parade, and the Boat-slip "Pet Tea." Registration begins at 2:15PM immediately followed by the Blessing of Animals. All are welcome!

Institution of our New Rector

Save the date: Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM. Bishop Alan Gates will join us as we celebrate our new ministry with Brian. More details to follow.

Parish Prayer List

We will soon be updating the Parish Prayer List. Please contact Julia at the office with updates: smothoffice@gmail.com. Beginning in October, we will continue to reference the Prayer List during the Prayers of the People but only read the names aloud on the first Sunday of the month. You will continue to have the opportunity during the service to pray aloud those names you wish to place before the community.

Please keep in your prayers: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Jim Neely, Ann English, Marsha Davies, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Donna, Marge, and Fran, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Joey Guerrero, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Beth Chapman, Giacomo, Jeffrey, Elizabeth, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, and those known only to you.

UU Food Pantry

The UU Food Pantry inventory is very low.

There continues to be significant food insecurity on the Cape, and that is being felt at the UU Self Service Pantry on Commercial Street. St Mary's does the 1st Sunday regularly, yet it is felt we can do an extra giving this month due to the shortage. So we are speaking to the 17th of September, yet if you see this request somewhat after the fact, the following Sunday will also be greatly appreciated. Here are some of the most needed items: rice, canned beans, canned vegetables, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, cereal, canned chicken/tuna, Vienna sausages, mac/cheese, beef stew, Chef Boyardee products - - plus whatever you view as appropriate.

If any glass products are included, they will be taken to another food pantry in Provincetown - no outdated products please. Thank you kindly, and items may be placed in the container at the rear of the sanctuary (and that's a very grand use of a sanctuary). Deacon Bruce

Parish Calendar for the Coming Week

Strength for the Journey

Saturday, September 23rd at 8:30 am

An online lay-led service of contemplation and healing. Strength for the Journey is now meeting in-person in the church. The service will also continue to be emailed for those who cannot attend in-person. Contact Gerri Spinella (gerri.spinella@gmail.com) if you'd like to be included in the email invitation to each week's service.

Blessing of the Animals

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