



ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Larry Hooper, Celebrant
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Larry Hooper, Celebrant
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

The Chiming of the Hour (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

The Prelude *Prelude on Beach Spring* Wilbur Held

The Word of God

Hymn 1 *Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over* *Christe sanctorum*

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom 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 in excelsis S 280 Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125 *Qui confidunt*

Carl Daw and Kevin Hackett

(The choir sings the Antiphon first; then all repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)



- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore. **[Antiphon]**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land
allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel. **[Antiphon]**

The Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 493

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Agostino Rivolta

(A moment for reflection.)

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

The response following each intercession is:

Leader You care for near and far alike;

People Liberate your children from their oppression.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest, stands and says

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

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* Sacred Harp, arr. K. Johnson

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| <p>1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.</p> <p>2 Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.</p> | <p>3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4 Called by worship to your service,
Forth in you dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.</p> |
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Words: Alfred F. Bayly

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 380, Stanza 3 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

The Sanctus S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then 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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 _____ 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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

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The Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Gerald Near

(Organ) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; therefore let us
 keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn 603

When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

St. Botolph

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by All)*

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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

Hymn 371

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

The Dismissal

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The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E Major

Vincent Luebeck

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.

Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

Prayer List

Please pray for:

David	Alex and Diane Hugill	Our nation
Doralee	Ralph & Charlotte Jordan	All who serve our country at home and abroad
Michele, Charlotte and John Sarah	Sara Kessinger	
David and Lynne Aukamp	Fran Lever	Those affected by COVID
Donna Barabba	Diane Linindoll	Healthcare Workers
David Bliss	Cindy Logsdon	Victims of violence
Beverly Butters	Jeannie Mahnke	Victims of natural disasters
Keith Crank & Family	Fran Martin	The people of Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and all places torn by strife
Doug Kondrat	Wendie Roeper	
Jo Ann Creamer	Sally Swinson	
Keith Glass	Robin Tiner	
	Wally and Joan Tyson	



Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 9	7 p.m., Bible Study (Library & Zoom)
Wednesday, September 11	11 a.m., Stewardship Meeting (Library) 1 p.m., Fellowship Meeting (Library) 3 p.m., Budget Meeting (Library) 4 p.m., Finance Meeting (Library)
Thursday - September 12	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., AA Meeting (Reister Hall)
Friday - September 13	1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library)
Saturday - September 14 17 Pentecost	5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday - September 15 17 Pentecost	10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library & Zoom)

— *Announcements* —

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation group will continue to study the book *Grounded - Finding God in the World - A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. The Adult Faith Formation group meets each Sunday at noon in the Library of the Parish Center. You may also attend via Zoom. Come, join us!

Faith in the Public Square, Friday, September 13

St. Alfred's current events discussion group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13 in the Library of the Parish Center. The group will begin a study of Jon Meacham's book "The SOUL of AMERICA - The Battle for Our Better Angels." The group is facilitated by Jim Grayshaw and Fr. Peter.

New Session of GriefShare to Begin, Friday, September 20

A new session of GriefShare, our group for those who have recently lost a loved one, will begin on Friday, September 20 at 10 a.m. in the Library.

Organ Concert, Sunday, October 13

Kevin Johnson will be presenting an organ concert assisted by Laurel Bennett, Clarinet and Scott Garrett, Flute on Sunday afternoon, October 13 at 4 p.m. This event is part of a continuing celebration of the second year of our new organ.

Tour of the Heritage Museum, Wednesday, October 23

Christopher Still, the artist who painted the murals at St. Alfred's, will be giving a tour of his artwork which is on exhibit at the Heritage Center Museum in Tarpon Springs on Saturday, October 26. Lunch will follow at Rusty Bellies Waterfront Grill located at 937 Dodecanese Blvd., Tarpon Springs.

Prelude on Beach Spring - Wilbur Held, Concordia Publishing House

Psalm 125 Antiphon (The Hymn Tune Psalter) - Carl P. Daw and Kevin R. Hackett, Church Publishing, Inc.

Prelude and Fugue in E Major - Vincent Luebeck, C.F. Peters

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