

10:00 am

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II



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St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

Building Community through Faith, Service, and Hope.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn 524 I love thy kingdom, Lord *St. Thomas*
verses 1-2

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

People ***And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.***

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.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 26:1-8, *Judica me, Domine*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Reader A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse

them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace *Dickinson College*
verse 1

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily The Reverend Michael J. Southwick

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

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our Bishops, Michael our priest and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald our President, Ned our Governor, Fred our First Selectman and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially; the Lyons family, CJ, the Garda family, and all those affected by the conflicts around the world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Rosemary.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray especially this morning for our sister ministries Trinity College, Hartford; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven; The Episcopal Church at Yale, New Haven; The Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal seminaries & campus ministries preparing to begin the school year; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

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

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.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 109

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Holy Communion

Doxology: Song of Praise

Old 100th Hymnal 380,v.3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you
thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of
mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us
with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the
faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as
we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(The Celebrant continues.)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The Celebrant continues.)

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

(The Celebrant continues.)

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

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

**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

(A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	<i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!</i>

Celebrant 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.

(All baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ or to come for a blessing. Gluten free host is available.)

Communion Hymn LEVAS 227 We Shall Overcome

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. *(The people stand or kneel as they are able.)*

Celebrant *and* People

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Almighty and ever-living 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Life is short,

And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.

So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us

be with you and those you love and those you pray for now and forever.

AMEN.

Closing Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! *In Babilone*
verses 1-2

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia!

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee Hour

Announcements

Call for Lectors/Ushers/Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee Hour Sponsors: If you would like to help in any way during Sunday services, please see Michael, David Rasmussen or add your name and e-mail address to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church.

Please mark your calendars and join us for two programs that Saint Saviour's will be offering this Fall:

First, we will be coming together to explore the wonderful novel by Allen Levi entitled Theo of Golden. We will meet at the Church on a date and at a time to be announced in September to enjoy refreshments and reflect on how this book connects with our lives as Christians and invites us to engage as a community.

Second, in October we will be starting a four-part Bible Study focusing on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Michael will lead the discussion of this important piece of Scripture and how it defines our role as Apostles and the nature of the Christian community.

Check out our new and improved website at www.saintsaviours.org!!!

In response to recent requests to make online donations easier, we have a new QR code for Saint Saviour's Tithely account. If you would like to make an online donation to the church, please scan the provided code.



Restrooms are conveniently located downstairs in the basement. Please access them via the stairwell in the narthex. There is also a small powder room next to the chapel.

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