

10:00 am

September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth 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 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place *Brother James' Air*
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.

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.

People ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 119:33-40, Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 628 Help us, O Lord *St. Ethelwald*

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 18:15-20**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Reverend Michael J. Southwick

The Nicene Creed (*said by all, standing*) BCP, Page 358

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; CJ, Matt and the entire Lyons family, and all those affected by natural disasters and armed 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 Stephen.

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 parishes Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; Those involved in the ministry of Christian Formation in parishes. For church school & youth group directors, teachers & mentors. For adult education leaders; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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 Music

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 *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

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 Music

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 287

For all the saints
verses 1-2,7-8

Sine Nomine

The Dismiss

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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