



We
Welcome
You

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper Nineteen*

September 17, 2023 • 10:15 a.m.

Participants

Celebrant & Preacher – The Rev. Matt Handi

Minister of Communion – Fred Faulkner

Reader – Lisa Gleason

Ushers – Jill & Nick Monsarrat



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and pray that your worship experience is a blessing to you.

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A Special Presentation

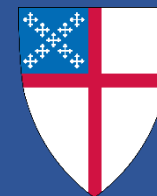
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TODAY!

Following the

Worship Service



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An Informational Talk

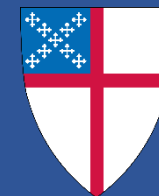
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Wednesday

September 20th - 7 pm

Parish Hall

“CHANGING LIVES,
HEALING HEARTS”



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Lunch in the Park September 30th

volunteers needed:

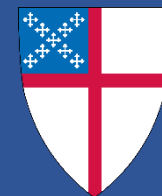
11 am – 1 pm

bake cookies & prepare
45-50 bag lunches

1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

transport the lunches to the
park and distribute them

Sign up in the Atrium



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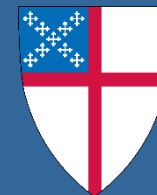
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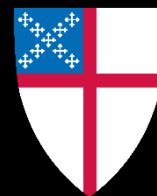
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#400 *blue hymnal*

*Omit * stanzas*



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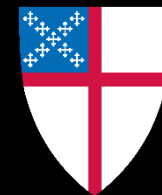
The Word of God

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

People

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



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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.



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SONG OF PRAISE

#S236 *blue hymnal*



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **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.**



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FIRST LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

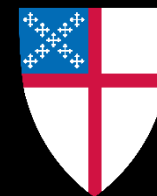
Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.



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The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."



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Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.



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But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**



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Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange
speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?



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6 You mountains, that you skipped like
rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the
Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of
water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.



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SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

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.



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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.



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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.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

#905 *green hymnal*



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you,
Lord Christ.**



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Sermon

The Rev. Matt Handi



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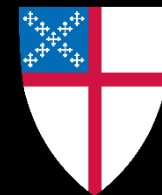
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THE NICENE CREED

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

**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.**



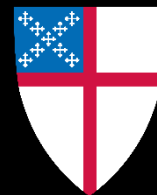
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**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was
buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**



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**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.**



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The congregation stands or kneels as they are able.)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and
peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,
and oppression.**



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For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any
kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick,
the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of
God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and
all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff
and Laura our Bishops; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.



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We remember the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Southern Virginia and the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut we pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington and St. Mark's, Storrs and Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs.



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We pray for all who are ill,
for all who are in weakness,
for all who are bereaved especially Presiding
Bishop Michael Curry, Sandra Assaf, Carla
Bue, the DeFrances family, Donna, George,
Joan Hammeal, Fred Manganelli, Bob
Therian, Paul Eastlyn, The Lee Family, The
Logan Family, Ray, Kate, Randy Bresson,
the Bresson Family, Diane Obernesser,
Joan, Nancy Dryer, Don Sauer, Dennis
Macomber, Ted Mollegen and those
recovering from acts of violence, that they
may find comfort, strength, and healing.



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I bid your own intentions, either silently or
aloud.

(pause)



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Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings
of this life.

(pause)

I bid your own intentions, either silently or
aloud.



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We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and
ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they
may have a place in your eternal
kingdom.

I bid your own intentions, either silently
or aloud.

(pause)



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Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of
our sins.

(pause)



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Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Celebrant

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.**



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EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The gift of God is eternal life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
The peace of the Lord be always
with you

All **and also with you.**

*Members of the Congregation greet one
another in the name of the Lord.*

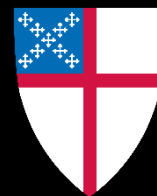
*God's Jar will be available for children's
offerings.*



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God is love



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*(as the offering is brought forward, the
Celebrant says:)*

Celebrant: All things come from you, O
Lord.

**All
And of your own have we given you.**

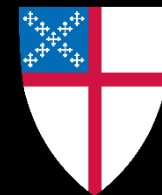


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The Holy Communion – *Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, pg. 367*

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

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.



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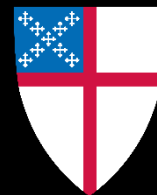
The Celebrant

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.



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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices
with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who forever sing this
hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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SANCTUS

Holy, holy,
holy, holy,
holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

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."



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Therefore, according to his command,
O Father,

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



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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.

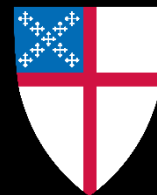
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country



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where, with James 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.**



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

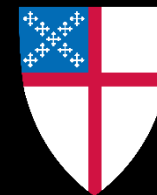
Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**



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FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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Celebrant The gifts of God for the
people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you and feed on him your hearts
by faith with Thanksgiving.



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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(prayed by those worshipping remotely)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.



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THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion
at God's table in this church.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your
arms over your chest to let the
clergy know.*

Communion Protocol In A Time of COVID

*Please wait for an usher to invite you forward
to receive communion. The south side of the
sanctuary receives first, followed by the north
side, in order to avoid crowding
the center aisle.*



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Gluten-free communion wafers and consecrated grape juice are available upon request of the priest or the Minister of Communion.

Once you have received the communion wafer from the priest, please step to the side to receive the consecrated wine/grape juice. You may dispose of the small cup in the receptacle toward the end of the altar rail.

Intercessory Prayer – you are invited to step to the right or left around the Altar if you desire individual prayers.



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COMMUNION HYMNS

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#334 *blue hymnal*



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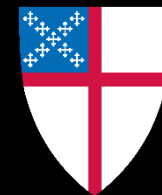
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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.



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THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**Watch over your child, O Lord,
as *his/her* days increase; bless and
guide *him/her* wherever *he/she* may
be. Strengthen *him/her* when *he/she*
stands; comfort *him/her* when
discouraged or sorrowful; raise
him/her up if *he/she* fall; and
in *his/her* heart may your peace which
passes understanding abide all the
days of *his/her* life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***



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ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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Announcements



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Dismissal

Celebrant

People

Thanks be to God.



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