

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

September 13, 2026
11:15 a.m.

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*Cathedral Parish of the
Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)*

Live God's Love

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on *Ubi caritas*

Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)

The Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.

References to the Hymnal are to the blue book in your pew rack.

Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima
#410 *The Hymnal 1982*
descant: C.S. Lang

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

Music may be found in your pew rack.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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.**

Please be seated.

THE 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. 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."

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. 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.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The congregation joins the Choir in singing the Refrain



- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep? **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

THE SECOND LESSON – Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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 honour 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 honour 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 judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit
#674 *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Then Peter came and said to him, "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 slaves. 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 slave 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 slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave 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 should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves 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 slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE



The commandments of the Lord are sure; they stand fast forever and ever.

Psalm 111: 7-8

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop of Tennessee; the nominees for our bishop election; the delegates who will vote for our new bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; **for your mercy is great.**

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

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

The People may add their own petitions

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

The Celebrant closes with a prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People, kneeling or standing,

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 ABSOLUTION

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.**

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEACHERS AND LEADERS

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed or scan the QR code with your phone to give online.

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

John Michael Trotta
(b. 1978)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

att. Paulinus of Aquileia

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B, with congregational responses*)

Please turn to page 367 in your Book of Common Prayer to follow along. Please stand.

Proper Preface (BCP, p. 377-8)

Sanctus

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (BCP, p. 364)

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation (BCP, p. 364)

Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

*All baptized Christians (including children) are invited to take the Bread and the Wine. **Please fill the communion railing from the center to the outside.** You may kneel or stand.*

If you wish to receive the Sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from one of the priests instead of the Bread and Wine. Let us know if you need a low-gluten wafer when you are at the communion railing.

If you wish to receive Healing Prayer, please proceed to the Chapel after receiving Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Paul Edward

(b. 1955)

O dear and lovely Brother

O dear and lovely Brother,
the Son of God alone,
when we love one another,
we are thy very own.

In heaven thy face is hidden
too near for us to see,
and each of us is bidden
to share that heaven with thee.

Anonymous

Please join in singing the Communion hymn.

HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter
#336 *The Hymnal 1982*

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (as scheduled)

We share the consecrated bread and wine from our worship today with those who are unable to attend in person.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are One Body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

HYMN

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Litton
#347 *The Hymnal 1982*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Postlude in E-flat major

Herbert Sanders
(1878–1938)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel and the Entry Hall are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Ruth Roberts Cowan, by her loving daughters and grandchildren.

PRAYERS

We give thanks for the birth of new babies, especially Paige Patterson Conrad and Virginia Dare Conrad, daughters of Caroline Spore and Trip Conrad, and sisters of Cort Conrad, and for Lee Fox Virgin, son of Jessie and Kevin Virgin, grandson of Nina and Page Davidson, nephew to Ellie and John Willis Stevens, and Jack Davidson.

We pray for our parishioners, especially Diane, John, Everett, Jim, Suzanne, Jan, Susan, Betty, Katherine, Erin, Peggy, Jere, Melanie, Rees, Stacey, John, Mimi, Ashby, Roger, Esther, Richard, Jerry, Betsy, Peggy, Bobby, and Taylor.

We pray for the families and friends of parishioners, especially Rob, Hunter, Sudhir, Bernie, Cathy, Susan, Charlie, Alyssa, Glynn, Michael, Jo, Joan, Ginny, Jennifer, Kenneth, the Vicino Family, Douglas, Betty, Craig, Josh, Judy, Larry, and Staci.

We pray for those who have died, especially John S. Beasley II, husband of Allison Tidman Beasley, father of John S. Beasley III and Eleanor Nahley, father-in-law of Jeffrey Nahley, and grandfather of John S. Beasley IV, Andrew McCarn Beasley, Julia Daniels Nahley, and William Granville Nahley.

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Canon Madeleine Rebouché, *Canon and Associate Rector for Outreach and Formation*

PREACHER

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

DEACON

The Reverend Deacon Mary McCarthy, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*

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