

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

September 13, 2026
7:30 a.m.

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Live God's Love

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Word of God

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

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY (*BCP, p. 323*)

GLORIA (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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?
- 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.

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 honour 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.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 18:21-35

Please stand.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

THE PEACE (*BCP, p. 332*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



You may leave your offering in the plate as it is passed or you may scan the QR code with your phone to give online.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, p. 340*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 336*)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*BCP, p. 337*)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL (*BCP, p. 339*)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel and the Entry Hall are dedicated to the glory of God and 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 AND PREACHER
The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

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