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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
~ Remembering 9/11 ~



Sunday, September 12, 2021 ~ 10:00AM

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Remembering 9/11
~ Proper 19 ~

Prelude

Opening Hymn: 488, vss. 1, 2

Slane

(Please stand as you are able)

"Be thou my vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.**

The Gloria

**Glory be 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.**

The 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.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-8

Dilexi, quoniam

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Sequence Hymn: 719, vs. 1
(Please stand as able)

"O beautiful for spacious skies"

Materna

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

(Please remain standing)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you 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.

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: Remembering 9/11 ~ Twenty Years Later

Recalling the memories of 9/11, recalling our losses, and honoring those who gave so much in service of our country, we pray to you, O Lord:

Make us instruments of your peace.

For the leaders of our country, and for all the nations of the world, that they may be guided into the ways of justice and truth and one day know the peace in which no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

For our enemies – the ones for whom we would rather not pray – and for ourselves, that we may be delivered from prejudice, hatred, and revenge and be given the courage to be agents of reconciliation as ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

For the whole human family, that you may break down the walls that separate us unite us in the bonds of love, and work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who have lost their faith in you and for those mourning and wondering, "O God, where were you?" that they may have a renewed knowledge of your presence and hope in their daily lives, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

For those whose spirits have been broken and whose lives have been disrupted by violence, not only by the horror of 9/11, but by the terrorism, violence, and degradation that occurs throughout the world, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you O Lord:

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

For those who have given freely of themselves to defend our security and liberties, particularly those who served in Afghanistan in the ensuing twenty years, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

For those who died on September 11, 2001 and for those who have died in the ensuing twenty years as a result of the atrocities of 9/11 and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they might find comfort and consolation in the knowledge of your perfect love and in the promise of eternal life, we pray to your, O Lord:

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

For the needs and concerns of this congregation, most especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? We pray to you, O Lord:

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.

Take heart, for in Christ we have been reconciled to God.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are reborn to eternal life.

Confession and Absolution

(Please kneel or sit as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome, Birthday and Anniversary Prayer, and Announcements

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Nocturne in C# minor" op. posthumous
Susan Scranton, Piano

Chopin

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

(Please stand as you 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 him thanks and praise.

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.

(Please kneel or sit as you are able)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been 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.

While communion is being received, the following prayer for Spiritual Communion may be said by those who are worshiping with us online:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. [St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry]

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 525, vss. 1, 2
(Please stand as you are able)

"The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Participants in Today's Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Susan Scranton
LEM: Todd Rice
Lectors: Lucie Pelleriti, Miles Bresee, Heather Moore
Piano: Susan Scranton
Video Services: Wayne Kawamoto
Assistant: Nathaniel Olmos
Produced by: Rick Sandona
Flower Guild: Liz Sandona, Melanie Moreno
Altar Guild: Patricia Meyer, A.J. Roberts, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady
Suzy Hageman
Ushers: Alex McKenzie, Frank Hageman
Bulletin Editor: Nancy Rice
Vestry Person of the Week: Pat McAlmond



The flowers are given to the
Glory of God by Carol Treacy in
memory of the Rubel Family.
The Rev. Henry, Dorothy,
Dorchen, Chris, and Michael.



Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2021

Rev. Susan L. Scranton
Todd Rice - Senior Warden, Hannah Palpant - Junior Warden
Karen Cleland - Treasurer
Jared Anders, Kathi Ferris, Laurel McKenzie, Rosann Kindt,
Bobbi Patterson, Debbie Pullen, Pat McAlmond

September Birthdays

2 – Dawn Mellon	11 - Gary Kindt	20 – Manette Thomas
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Deborah Hoffman	23 – Suzy Hageman
6 – John Williamson	12 – Ted Kopf	24 – Emily Kawamoto
8 - Jerry Seielstad	13 – Karson Lakin	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
8 – Marlene McCormick	18 - Kari Roth	30 - Jon Sharp
	20 – Susan Sherman	

Wedding Anniversaries

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11
Donna and George Petrokowitz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Tess Marinian, Ted Anderson, Ron Gonzales, Ann Jones, Frances Stocking, Michael Gamble, Jennifer Jones, Tamara Bouchey, Judy Webster, Joey Brown, Don Baxter, Steve Emmett, Micah Palpant, Nathan, Father Bain, Kelsey McKenzie, Matthew Hageman, Paul & Ruthie Hatcher, Loren Rettle, Hank Montoya, Arlene Flach, Lacey G., Donna Petrokowitz, Jennie Grigolla, Harry Ernest Critzer, Beth Owen, Hannah Pine, Marshall Meyer, Patricia Meyer, Solomon & Malcolm, Roberta Wolfe, Doug Rice, Lois Loughery, Zhea LeClair, Andrew Benardini, Dawn Mellon, the citizens of Afghanistan, the citizens of Haiti, citizens of Louisiana

For comfort & guidance: Jean Beaulieu, Mandy, John & Family, Kevin, Don Lockery, Susan K., Theresa Proctor, Marylyn Brown, Linda Rice, Shirley Reeves,

For prayers & safety: Addison Hoffman (For his upcoming deployment.)

For those who have died: Kay Slepr, Herschel Green

For those in mourning: Susan Sherman and Carol Winship, Ann Green

For those serving in the military: Addison Hoffman ~ U.S. Army, Wyatt Helmer ~ U.S. Navy Seabees, Josh ~ U.S. Marine Corps, C.J. Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy (Glendora Residents), Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Gathering ~ Sunday, September 12 after the 10:00 AM service. All youth in grades 6 and above are invited to the first youth gathering of the new school year. Please meet in Baxter Hall following the 10:00 AM service for lunch, followed by game day at Finkbiner Park. Please remember to wear your masks. Questions: Contact Jade Petteruto.

Blood Drive from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM ~ Sunday, September 19

This drive is by appointment only to maintain your safety and the safety of other donors.

You can register by contacting Catie Anders at blooddrive@graceglendora.org or call/text at 909.994.7794. Be sure to include your full name and time you would like to make an appointment.

You may also call the American Red Cross, Pomona Donation center at 800-733-2767 or Register online at this link: [American Red Cross Blood Donation Sign-up](#) and if necessary use Sponsor Code **GECC**.

