



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

*Held in the Hands of God...
Reaching out our Hands to others*

12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

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Welcome Home Sunday

Proper 19B

September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p 355

[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

New every morning is the love

Hymnal 10, v 1-3,6

tune Hymnal 544

Opening Acclamation

BCP p 355

Song of Praise

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest

The Collect of the Day

see readings insert

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-8

see readings insert

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal 536, v1

Open your ears, O faithful people

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People

Response: *Hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>Take up your cross</i>	Hymnal 675
Offertory Response <i>Let all things their creator bless</i>	Hymnal 400, v7
Eucharistic Prayer C	BCP p 369
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>	Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Alleluia, Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S154
Post Communion Hymn <i>I have decided to follow Jesus</i>	<i>music insert</i>
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 365
The Blessing	
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Recessional Hymn <i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>	Hymnal 522
Dismissal	
Postlude	

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide
Our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
That we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you;
And then use us, we pray as you will,
And always to your glory and the welfare of your people
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lessons Appointed for Proper 19, Year B, RCL

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament: 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 awakens -- awakens 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

- 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.

The Epistle: 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.

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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."

Prayer List for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, James, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Bill & Sandy M., Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Jeff, Michele, John, Chris, Earl, Lorraine, Stefanie, Dianne, Ken, Melanie, Samantha, Ralph, Nikki, Reese, the people of Haiti, Frank, Diane, Donna, and their families, Noelle, Alex, Marie U., Dcn. Jennifer Webster, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Liz Tunney

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19. We pray for all who are worried about their loved ones and friends who suffer and are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure. We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays: Ian Holzmacher, Shani Whyte, Jillayne Kunz, Kaeden Hannan

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary: Peter & Shannon Palmieri

Let us pray for those who have died: We pray for Sofia Alexandra Garbe in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and we also pray for the over 651,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country, and we pray for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when we will not fear gun violence or being targeted for the color of our skin.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 815*

Announcements

Welcome Home – Today – September 12

We are so glad to see everyone for Welcome Home Sunday, as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our mutual ministry together with Mother Clare and kick off the 2021-22 program year for Christ Church. Please join us outside for a festive gathering immediately following the worship service.

Bike & Brunch to Nourish Babylon – This Saturday!

Join us for a leisurely paced Saturday morning 13-mile bike ride through Babylon Village, September 18, starting at 9am. Traffic control from local code enforcement will be provided. An extensive and healthy brunch on the lawn at Christ Church will follow at 11:30am. If you don't want to bike, join us for a festive time of fellowship at the brunch! Our riders welcome your sponsorships per mile, too! See flyers for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Our next all-year program is the third year of the three-year program *Living Discipleship* from Forward Movement we began in the Fall of 2019 with *The Path: A Journey through the Bible*, our yearlong study of scripture, and continued this past year with *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, a yearlong study that focused on who we are as Episcopalians through the lens of our basic beliefs, our liturgy and sacraments, and how we live our faith as Christians. This year's study is called *Celebrating the Saints*, and "equips us to follow Jesus while learning more about 26 of the monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists, and more who are named saints in The Episcopal Church's calendar." This is a year of studying the church's history through the lens of these individuals who lived their lives following Christ.

Outreach Needs

We are looking for donations of supermarket gift cards. At this point we have none. Any denomination will be helpful. There is unfortunately always a need for these. Thank you for your generosity.

Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to Carol Haberly, who is our organist this Sunday. We will be seeing her and others on our organ bench as they fill in while we search for a new organist and minister of music.

All Are Welcome

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

This is God's House...

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

Handicapped Accessibility

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building and to join us for Coffee Hour downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Proper physical distancing protocols and face covering are required.

The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed

In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

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Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

The Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
and by appointment

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