St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 August 23, 2020

MORNING PRAYER %

Organ Prelude

Rhosymedre

R. Vaughn Williams 1872-1958

Hymn 587 sung by all

Our Father, by whose Name

Please sing along with the prerecorded voices and organ accompaniment. The host will mute individual mics so that the prerecorded voices and organ accompaniment can be heard.



Opening Sentence **

EOW, p. 19

Officiant We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your name

and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

Confession of Sin ** BCP, p. 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant begins the confession.

All 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.

Officiant 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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER *

BCP, p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95: 1-7 EOW, p. 21

All The Holy One is in our midst. Come let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving * and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

The Holy One is in our midst. Come let us worship.

Psalm Psalm 138

Psalter for the Christian People

We will read the psalm responsively by half verse, with the officiant reading the first half of each verse (to the asterisk), and the congregation reading the second half (in bold type).

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

- 3 For you have glorified your name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 The Lord is high, yet the Lord cares for the lowly; * and perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.
- 9 O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; * O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS *

First Lesson Isaiah 51:1-6

CEB (Common English Bible)

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me,

you who look for righteousness,

you who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry where you were dug.

Look to Abraham your ancestor,

and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

They were alone when I called them,

but I blessed them and made them many.

The Lord will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her ruins.

He will make her desert like Eden

and her wilderness like the Lord's garden.

Happiness and joy will be found in her—

thanks and the sound of singing.

Pay attention to me, my people;

listen to me, my nation,

for teaching will go out from me,

my justice, as a light to the nations.

I will quickly bring my victory.

My salvation is on its way,

and my arm will judge the peoples.

The coastlands hope for me;

they wait for my judgment.

Look up to the heavens,

and gaze at the earth beneath.

The heavens will disappear like smoke, the earth will wear out like clothing,

and its inhabitants will die like gnats.

But my salvation will endure forever,

and my righteousness will be unbroken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 A Song of Praise Song of the Three Young Men 29-34

BCP, p. 90

ΑII

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Lesson Romans 12:1-8

CEB

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All

Canticle J A Song of Judith 16:13-16

EOW, p. 35

All I will sing a new song to my God, *

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, *

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, *

no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *

rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, *

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Third Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

NRSV

Reader A read

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All

EOW, p. 38

ΑII

I saw no temple in the city, *

for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *

for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *

and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; * into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.

I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, * flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, * and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.

All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands, and all servants give worship there; *

there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

SERMON *

THE APOSTLES' CREED *

EOW, p. 41

ΑII

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS ** BCP, p. 97

Officiant God be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us 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.

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

All Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

All **We praise your Name for ever.**Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

All Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

All For we put our trust in you.
Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

All And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 232

ΑII

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

BCP, p. 100

Officiant

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem Tu es pastor ovium

Claudio Monteverdi 1567-1643

You are the shepherd of the sheep,

And prince of the apostles.

To you God has given all the kingdoms of the world

And so to you are given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Singers: Orlia Budge, soprano, Katherine McKee, alto, Chris Brown, tenor

Prayers of the People

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for all ministers: bishops,

priests. deacons, and laity. Pray for the Church, for our Bishop Marc, Presiding Bishop Michael, and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of California, especially St. Bartholomew's, Livermore, and St. Augustine's, Oakland.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for our parish, St. Bede's, for the clergy and people here,

for the groups, associations, and community it serves. Pray for our parish, especially Trinity School, Menlo Park, as they begin their new school term

on August 26, and for the Hospitality Committee.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the

world; for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace, especially for Donald our president, Gavin our governor, Kamala and Diane, our Senators, and all in authority, and especially ---.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in

prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially for Richard, Barbara, Anne, Jon, Karen, John, Catherine, Lindsay and family, the people of Beirut, Alex, Joe, Mary, Lindsay, Steele, Mary C., her mother and her family, Gina, John, Mark, Pete, Barbara, Cameron, Orlia, the Matthews family, Lisa, Marie, Christina, Layleen, Henry, Andy, Donna, the Young family, Ed, Suzie, Gladys, Josie, Tina, Karen, Kyle & Celeste, Keary & children, Angel, Sherrilynn & children, Rich, Conan, Anne, Ryan.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God, especially ----.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died,

especially Michael, John, Joe, and Michael.l

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all victims of violence throughout the world, and for

those who seek to help and protect them. Pray for the vulnerable and the

violated, especially ---.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays. Give thanks for those

born this week, especially Elena B., and Orlia B.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries. Give thanks for

those married this week, especially Anne and Wes P., Elaine and Randy K.,

and Dora H. and Pedro L.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. especially Siri and Anne.

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored

especially Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle, whom we remember this week...

Congregation may add names, silently or aloud. Pause here for prayers to be added.

Intercessor Lord In your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live

with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our



A Prayer for St. Bede's Rector Search

All Almighty God, giver of every good gift:

look graciously on your church and on St. Bede's, and so guide us as we choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful and able pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 836

Intercessor Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed

upon us.

Intercessor For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For all that is gracious in the lives of people, revealing the image of Christ,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

All We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to

us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

All To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now

and for ever. Amen.

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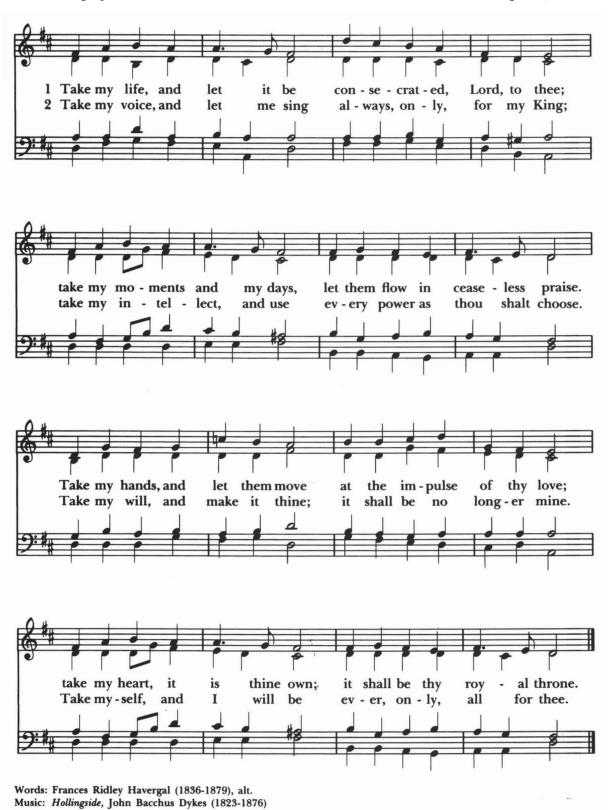
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

BCP, p. 102

All Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY **

Officiant: **The Rev. Martha Korienek** Music Director: **Katherine McKee**

Organist: Rani Fischer

First Reading: Irene Lawrence

Second Reading: **Kathleen Thompson**Third Reading: **Michael Graebner**

Intercessor: Dick Zeren

Zoom Host: Brendan Deocariza-Nee

Hymn singers on 8/16: Orlia Budge, Chris Brown, Katherine McKee Liturgists and Proofreaders: Irene Lawrence and Katherine McKee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS **

Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle whom we remember this week

Thomas Gallaudet was born in 1822, the son of Sophia (who was deaf) and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, who founded the West Hartford School for the Deaf. Gallaudet senior had at one time intended to become a priest, but instead devoted his life to the education of the deaf. Thomas the younger followed in his father's footsteps for awhile, but ultimately was ordained in 1851 and established St. Ann's church in New York especially for deaf persons. Services were held primarily in sign language. He married Miss Elizabeth Budd, who was deaf. Gallaudet encouraged one of his parishioners, Henry Winter Syle, to become a priest. Born in 1846, Syle was ordained a deacon in 1876, and became a priest in 1883, the first deaf person to be ordained by the Episcopal Church in the United States. Syle later established his own congregation for the deaf in 1888, All Souls' in Philadelphia. Gallaudet died on August 27, 1902 and Syles on January 6, 1890. They are both celebrated in the Episcopal Church on August 27.

Supporting St. Bede's Financially

A special thanks to all of you who've kept up with your annual pledge to St. Bede's even as we continue to shelter at home. Your gifts have enabled us to meet our payroll and overhead expenses, support our weekly Zoom Chapel services, and keep the essential work of the church going. If you normally donated via the Sunday plate, please consider a financial gift to St. Bede's this summer to help continue our work. Contributions can be made securely on our website, or by mailing a check to the church office.

September and October Selections for Bede's Book Club

Bede's Book Club will continue to meet this fall, with two books already selected for fall discussions. The selection for **Wednesday, September 2** is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, a highly acclaimed novel of love and strength during World War II. On **Wednesday, October 7**, we will be discussing *The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning*, by Ernest Kuntz and Katherine Ketcham. This insightful work draws on the wisdom stories of the ages to provide a wellspring of hope to anyone thirsting for spiritual growth and guidance in these troubled times. The Book Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on each of these days via Zoom. Contact Laura Gable for a meeting invite.

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