



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 10:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist

Welcome to our Sunday morning worship service at Church of Our Saviour. We are glad you are here. For those who cannot join us in person, today's service is being live cast and recorded. Please note the recording may be made publicly available on YouTube and Facebook.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Rt. Rev. Austin Keith Rios

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Austin Keith Rios

Interim Rector: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Bishop's Chaplain: David Mealy

Archdeacon: The Ven. Can. Nina Pickerrell

Music Director: Jeanette Tietze, **Soprano Soloist:** Talia Skeen, **Guest Cellist:** William Skeen

Lector: Jennifer MacCready, Caroline Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Cullen, Jen Dodge

Intercessor: Nic Meredith

Usher: Kathleen Piraino, Amy Paulenich

Altar: Connie Goldsmith, Gay Johnson, Allie Peacock

Flowers: Frances Whitnall

Coffee Hour: Jennifer MacCready, Caroline Gibbs, Allie Peacock

The Christian spiritual path is always walked in community. Our worship together is our response to the love of God. Gathering for worship allows us to support one another as we seek to respond to the call to Christian life.

If you are new to The Episcopal Church, we invite you to join in worship as you feel comfortable. The congregation reads the **bold** portions in this booklet in unison. Some people practice their personal piety through gestures such as making the sign of the cross or bowing at certain times because they find it helps them to focus and deepen their experience. There is no requirement to do so but, if you'd like to try, feel free to follow the lead of others in the room. You are invited to participate in all elements of the service, including taking Communion.

We extend a special welcome to families of all configurations. If you are attending with a family member who needs more room to wiggle or make noise, they'll probably find others like themselves in the toddler room off the narthex (vestibule), which families are welcome (but in no way required) to use.

The Episcopal Church is rooted in the Anglican tradition. We use *The Book of Common Prayer*, a book filled with prayers and liturgies that shape our worship. It is the red book you will find in front of you. Any Episcopal Church you attend will use a similar pattern for worship. This booklet makes use of *The Book of Common Prayer* and other texts, with a sidebar to help explain the shape and purpose of our liturgy. Your questions and your participation are always welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

THE ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 529

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Bishop 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.*

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *

The Liturgy of the Word is the first half of our worship. We focus on God's work in the world by reading and reflecting on scripture and through prayer.

The opening sentences serve as a greeting for those who have gathered for worship.

A hymn of praise always follows the opening words, so that we can begin our worship in gratitude.

A collect is a type of prayer that "collects" or "gathers" the intentions of the people.

There are different collects appointed for each day of the church year that attend to the themes of the readings and the church season.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a lectionary. On the same day the same scripture lessons are heard in congregations of all types throughout the world.

It is customary for lay people to read the Lessons. We welcome new readers. If you feel called to be one, please let the celebrant or a member of the community know.

The Psalm, ancient songs and poetry from the Old Testament, are sometimes called the prayer book of the Bible. They appear in our Book of Common Prayer as the Psalter, beginning on page 582.

nor will he keep his anger for ever.
 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
 As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Caribbean Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Please stand as you are able

Bishop The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "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

Many of the Psalms are traditionally attributed to King David. They may be sung, recited, or read antiphonally.

The Second Reading, sometimes called the Epistle, is usually selected from the letters that were written to the early church communities. They are typically attributed to Paul, Peter and other apostles and were written to guide and strengthen the young Christian communities.

The word Gospel means 'good news'. We hear part of the story of Jesus Christ, who, by revealing the depth of God's love for us, is the ultimate bringer of good news to the world.

The Gospel readings are taken from the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

In first-century Palestine, debt was a harsh social reality under imperial taxation and elite landholding. Peter's question assumes a limit to forgiveness; Jesus rejects calculation altogether. God's extravagant mercy creates a community whose members extend mercy, rather than reproduce society's punitive debt systems.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
 in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
 repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
 Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
 yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
 dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their
 commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Our prayers ask God to strengthen
 candidates through the Holy Spirit,
 sustain them in new life, forgive sin, and
 grant discerning hearts, courage, love of
 God, and joyful wonder. They commend
 candidates to God's continuing grace
 and faithful service in Christ's Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

Bishop N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

Bishop N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Peace, we acknowledge that we encounter Christ in one another, and we prepare to receive communion.

In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with "the kiss of peace". Today we shake hands or hug. There are no set words- "Peace," "God's Peace," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you," are all commonly used.

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the celebrant.

The Liturgy of the Table is the second half of our worship. We shift our focus to the altar, God's table, where we meet Christ in the bread and wine that is offered, blessed, and shared.

In the offertory we present ourselves before God by offering the fruits of our common life and work. Your generosity supports the many ministries of Church of Our Saviour and The Episcopal Church around the world.



OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant	God 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 our thanks and praise.

We begin Holy Communion with a dialogue (sometimes sung) that invites us to turn our attention towards God.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

In the Eucharistic Prayer we praise God for the God's creating, saving and redeeming acts throughout history, and especially for the gift of Jesus Christ.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you

As we sing the Sanctus (Latin for 'Holy') we join with the whole heavenly host in praising God who calls us into relationship with the whole Body of Christ across time and space.

sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

People **Amen.**

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

People **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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN Come to This Table

Mary Sallee

Gluten free wafers are available on request. All who are seeking Christ are invited to receive communion. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Help the cupbearer by guiding the

Together, we say a "memorial acclamation" that acknowledges that God is always on the side of humanity: past, present and future.

The priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit to bless the bread, wine, and us as we prepare to receive Communion.

In "The Great Amen" we all join in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and the wine.

The Lord's Prayer is the link between our daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day, and the spiritual food we will receive in the Eucharist.

Just like the bread and wine, our lives, if we choose to open them up to God, can also be taken (accepted by God), blessed (assured of God's loving-

chalice to your lips by the base. You may also receive the bread and the wine together. Hold the bread in your hand and the chalice-bearer will dip it in the wine and return it to your hand. You have fully received communion if you receive only the bread or the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing simply cross your arms over your chest. Whoever you are, and whatever you need today, you are welcome here and we are glad you are with us.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

EPISCOPAL BLESSING RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 347

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

kindness and empowered to grow in God's Spirit), broken or poured (not held tightly in our own control), and shared (sent out to be Christ's presence in the world).

After communion, we say a prayer of thanksgiving together which reminds us to live our daily lives in the spirit of The Holy Eucharist, filled with thanksgiving, so that what we celebrate in the liturgy might become realized in our lives.

The final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. We are sent out as apostles, to carry forward Christ's own work to change the world, and to call forth God's Kingdom. We go out from the church in mission and ministry to the world.

Flowers are given by Amy Paulenich in loving memory of Barry Smeltzer.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September through October, Seen and Unseen

Art Exhibition by Carol Aust

Sanctuary

Friday, September 18, St. Anne's Circle

Fireside Room, 10:00am-Noon

Sunday, September 20, Seen and Unseen

Immigration Policy and Advocacy

John McCray-Goldsmith

Sanctuary & Fireside Room, 11:15am

Saturday, September 26, Autumn Full Moon Sound Bath Experience

Hosted by: Blue Muse Sound Healing

Sanctuary, 6:00pm-7:00pm – Doors open at 5:30pm

Sunday, September 27, Seen and Unseen

Serving Immigrant Families at The Bishop's Ranch

Aaron Wright, Director, talks about READ Camp

Fireside Room, 11:15am

Sunday, October 4, Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends for a special blessing!

Sanctuary, 8:00am Service and 10:00am Service

Walk by Blessings, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Monday, October 5, Adult Education: The Creed

Curry and The Creeds -Please bring a curry to share, rice will be provided.

Fireside Room, 6:00pm-8:00pm

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WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Choral Eucharist & Fellowship Coffee Hour

Wednesdays: 10:30 am Holy Communion followed by Bible Study