

September 18, 2022

**Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

10 a.m.

Prelude: Prelude on *Mit Freuden zart*

G. Near

**Opening Hymn #408** Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Mit Freuden zart*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.

Opening Acclamation

*EOW*, p. 50

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

*BCP*, p. 355

**Hymn of Praise S 280:** Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

R. Powell

Glory 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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** *Prayed together:*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;  
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away,  
to hold fast to those that shall endure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 79:1-9** *Deus, venerunt* prayed in unison

BCP, p. 701

1. O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
2. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
3. They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.
4. We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
5. How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
6. Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
7. For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.
8. Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.
9. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #538** God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

**God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face.  
shine upon us, Savior, shine, fill thy Church with light divine,  
and they saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King;  
let all be, below, above, on in joy, and light, and love.**

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

16:1-13

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*The Gospeller concludes:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Anne Osborn

**Nicene Creed**

**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:**

**Form VI**

Please turn with me to Prayer Book page 392 for this morning's Prayers of the People. We'll follow Form Six.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Remembering our call to be good stewards of all that you place in our care,  
we pray for the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Remembering those who are vulnerable and defenseless,  
let us pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

In our cycles of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity Church, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity Church, Thomaston; Trinity Church, Torrington and for The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; as we pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God.

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Ian and Laura, our Bishop-elect Jeffrey, Rev. Mary Anne, and all bishops and other ministers.

*For all who serve God in His Church.*

For all victims of violence, for all who are contending with Covid-19 disease; and for all facing financial hardship; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including all those commended to the prayers of the parish; Baby Fiona, Richard M, Cynthia D, Jule, Kasha, Jennifer, young Sarah O, Pattiann, Ed Courtney, Suzanne, Bill & family, Sarah L, Maxim, Geri, Greg, Megan, Keith, Alejandra, Cameron, Briana, Roger, and Denise. Please also keep in your prayers Janice, Bill C, Sandy, Betty, Wick & Barb, Russ & Joan, Dave and Winnie and their families, Kevin L, Brennie, Jean W, Molly, and Babs; and for those on your hearts.

*Petitions may be added aloud or in silence.*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

*Thanksgivings may be added aloud or in silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for the repose of Queen Elizabeth II, Kelly Gatto, and Greyson and all who have died, especially Alice Mason Avera, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence may be kept.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** **And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

Sunday School Blessing

**Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

sung to *Stutgard*

**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!**

**Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.**

**Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.**

**Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

### *The Holy Communion*

The Offertory

Offertory anthem: For I am convinced

Sullivan

**The Doxology:** Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People:** **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer 1

*EOW, p. 57*

*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 our thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant*       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):

*Celebrant and People – Hymnal S-129: Sanctus*

R. Powell

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.*

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

**Fraction Anthem LEVAS 154 – Refrain: Taste and see**

**Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
**O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

*BCP, p. 364*  
Moore

Invitation to Communion: The Gifts of God for the People of God  
**Spiritual Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion voluntary: Lord Jesus Christ, be present now BWV 709

J. S. Bach

**Postcommunion Prayer:**

*EOW, p. 70*

**Loving God, your Son is our peace and his cross the sign of reconciliation:  
help us, who share the broken bread, to bring together what is scattered  
and to bind up what is wounded, that Christ may bring in the everlasting  
kingdom of his peace; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

**Closing Hymn #390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*Lobe den Herren*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder a-new what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.**

Dismissal: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Lobe den Herren*

M. Reger

*Today's flowers are in loving memory  
of my mother Alice Mason Avera by  
Janice Novak*

In Today's Worship  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Mary Anne Osborn  
Music Director: Mark Sullivan  
Usher: Diana Stovall  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: Kenneth Pelphrey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Marsha Brown  
Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Susan Leonard  
Chalice Bearers: Annie Rae, Ed Seibert



### Upcoming Calendar Events

**Sunday, September 18** – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & Welcome Back Sunday School!

**Morning Prayer** – 9:00AM in the Garden weather permitting

**Holy Eucharist** – 10AM (streamed and in-person) with organ, hymns and choir

**Sunday School** – 10AM (joining at The Peace)

**Sundae School Social** – make your own sundae following 10AM Service

**Tuesday, September 20** – Finance meets at 5:00PM via Zoom

**Wednesday, September 21** –

**Staff Meeting** at 3:00 in the Guild Room

**International Day of Peace** – Observance on the Green, 4PM starting at south end

**"Beating Guns" book group** – 6:30PM in the rectory living room (final discussion)

**Thursday, September 22** -

**Bible Study Resumes** – 9:30AM via Zoom with Cecelia Parker leading the conversation.

**ECW** – Meeting from 10:30AM – 1:30PM in the Guild Room

**Choir Practice** – 7:00PM in the Parish Hall

**Vestry** – Meeting at 6:50PM in the Parish Hall

**Friday, September 23 – Tag Sale Opening Reception** – 5-7PM, where you'll have a first chance to review and purchase sale items. - \$10 admission.

**Saturday, September 24 - Tag Sale** – 8:30AM – 3:00PM (see more below)

**Sunday, September 25** – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Morning Prayer** – 9:00AM in the Garden weather permitting

**Holy Eucharist** – 10AM (streamed and in-person) with organ, hymns and choir

**Sunday School** – 10AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ECW News** - Welcome back to a new year of familiar E.C.W. activities. Starting Thursday, September 15th we will meet in the Guild Room at 10:30-1:30. and all Thursdays except the second Thursdays in October (13<sup>th</sup>) and November (11<sup>th</sup>) when we will meet at the Maritime Grill, 12 noon for our regular business meeting and December (9<sup>th</sup>) for our annual Christmas Luncheon. We will be working on new craft projects to sell at the Chili Supper with our decorated filled cookie boxes. All Christ Church Women are invited to join us as we reunite, after two years, in the Guild Room. Bring your own lunch ~ tea and dessert will be provided.

**The ongoing and much needed "New Sox and Underwear" project** and Food Bank memorial projects continue. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

#### Tag Sale News:

**Opening Reception on Friday, September 23** from 5PM – 7PM hosted by the Vestry. At the reception, you'll have a first chance to review and purchase sale items for a \$10 entry.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED (for set-up next week, Monday – Friday) and for Saturday, September 24, 8:30AM to 3PM.** Donations of like-new housewares are now being received on Sundays during service times and Tuesdays-Thursday, 10AM-2PM in the former Nursery. We are not accepting books or electronics and only furniture that will fit into a car. Co-chairs Rose Robinson and Patti Kron welcome your participation.

**The Guilford Food Bank requests help with the following items:** Tea, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Hot chocolate (mix), Sugar, Canned tomatoes, Household cleaner, Laundry detergent, Paper towels. Please leave your donations in the bin by the north (Town Hall-side) door to the Narthex.

**COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests** are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the Ushers' Table and in the rectory entry hall.

**Looking ahead:**

Sunday, September 25 – The Rev. Mary Anne Osborn to Officiate & preach

Sunday, October 2 – Clergy Transition Forum during coffee hour.

Beginning Tuesday, October 4 - Parish Administrator's new hours will be Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9AM – 2PM.