

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost *with* The Blessing of the Backpacks
during The Season of Creation - September 12th 2021 at 9:00 AM

*The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.*
~ Isaiah 50:4 ~

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today. Please follow along with the following order of service; **the parts to be said together are in bold**. All participation is optional and all are welcome at Christ's Table for Holy Communion. Please join us afterward for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outdoors!

This Sunday our Youth are serving as liturgical ministers.

The People may stand as the service begins

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal #405

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

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**

SONG OF PRAISE

Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon, St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, all praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial. Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no one living can escape.

Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will. No second death can do them harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility.

COLLECT FOR CARE OF THE PLANET

Book of Occasional Services 2018, p. 339

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated for the readings

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET 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?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 116:1-8

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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.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *

our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; *

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *

for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, *

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord *

in the land of the living.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Like a Rock

Wehlander & Good, *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet

Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before

Like the starry sky, God is over our head

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore

The People may stand for the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (8:27-38)

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

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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. John Elliott Lein

THE NICENE CREED

*BCP p. 358**The People may stand and say together this ancient affirmation of our collective tradition.**You may bow at the words in italics below*

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider This Season we pray for all people, that we might gain proper reverence for Creation, enter into mourning and repentance of our selfish destructive acts, and collectively work toward the transformation of human hearts and human civilization for new and renewed life for all living beings.

Leader With all our heart, mind, body, and spirit, let us pray together saying, “hear our prayer.”

For all Holy Assemblies, for those who gather to seek justice and peace, for the shared mission of healing, wholeness, and growth inwardly and all around us. We pray especially for the beloved creation of Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana.

O Uniting One, hear our prayer.

For all the world in its unity and diversity, for those bearing responsibility for others, for servants of common cause, for the voices that speak on behalf of the voiceless.

O Serving One, hear our prayer.

For all life and all that is, for all beings suffering from human destruction, for the climate and all connected things, for our soil, water, weather, air, and elements.

O Living One, hear our prayer.

For this assembly and parish, for our neighborhoods and townships, for our lakes, rivers, rocks, creatures, trees, and all matter, for all beings in need of food, shelter, and safety,

O Incarnate One, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer and who are in any trouble, for the imprisoned and evicted, for the sick and dying, for refugees from war, climate, or economy. We pray especially for Ani Sharoogian; Bradley Garretson; Marian Smatt; Caitlin Lambert; Bryson; Bitsy; Enid Barton; the McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Ron Taylor; Peter Lee; Gloria

Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

O Suffering One, hear our prayer.

For all beings departed this life, for all creatures driven to extinction, for past life plundered toward death, for all colonized, conquered, or occupied, for all we have lost.

O Dying and Rising One, hear our prayer.

Joining our voices together, we pray:

O True Justice, reveal to us our sins and bring us to repentance for the sake of your Creation. O Divine Wisdom, give us knowledge of your loving will and how to turn toward your path of healing and restoration. O Primal Word, speak through us in righteous power in the face of ignorance and greed. O Pure Love, bind us together in unity and companionship and give us strength and courage to take difficult yet necessary steps into the transformed world you dream for us. Amen.

The People may stand or kneel

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation. *Silence may be kept*

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.

We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 People may stand for the Peace

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with Peace.

During this time of pandemic please refrain from physical contact.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship 1 p. 57

“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.” — Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.¹

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The People may be seated as the Table is prepared

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Teach me

O'Shea, Sing! Prayer and Praise.

The People may stand

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

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The People may bow

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

The People may stand

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand or kneel

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

¹ Robert Francis Taft (1932-2018) was an American Jesuit priest, professor in Oriental liturgy, and Archimandrite (second to bishop) of the Russian Greek Catholic Church, in communion with the Holy See.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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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.

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

All are welcome to receive at Christ's Table. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free communion is available on request. Only the Bread is offered during this time of pandemic.

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of health, is unable to eat attend or eat the Bread, they are assured that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.

You may pray the following for Spiritual Communion:

"In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation

and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of graces and the hope of glory.

“I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*”

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Light of the World

Crawford, *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People may stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children and Youth may come forward, bringing their backpacks if desired, or hold them up on Zoom

Dearly beloved, we gather today to offer blessings for those who learn and teach. May their hearts be softened, minds enriched, bodies strengthened, and spirits given joy.

Please join together in this collect for those who learn.

COLLECT FOR LEARNING

Wendy Clare Barrie, St. Bartholomew's, NYC

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

BLESSINGS OFFERED

The Rev. John Elliott Lein

Please join together in this collect for those who teach.

COLLECT FOR TEACHING

God of Love, we give you thanks for those you have called by heart to minister to children and learners of all ages. We thank you for schedules and curriculums and books and colleagues. We thank you for the gift of teaching that comes through intention and grace

alike. Help us to remember that growth looks different for each of us, and that our whole being is a gift to those around us. Today we give you thanks for these your teachers, and we ask you to bless them with patience, strength, and wisdom. May this gathering be a sign to them that they are surrounded by love and care and support, that they will be given what they need to do the work they are given to do. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as an adult showed his wisdom and knowledge as a teacher in the assembly and abroad, loving all. Amen.

BLESSINGS OFFERED

The Rev. John Elliott Lein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Samuel Waugh; Leigh Martin; Collin Cameron; Connor Harrison; Melissa Nylander; Anne Ketcham; James Tracy; Aislyn Murphy; Maia Cerrito-Stingo; Daniel Johnson; Andy McNulty; Liam Murphy; Nicholas Roy; Daniel Manoli; Janelle Tattrie; Cadence Garrett; Quinn Garrett; Erika Schoaf; John Edmondson, III; Caleb Carter; Kacie Najarian; Megan Najarian; and Janet Nezgoda.

DEPARTING BLESSING

Saint Clare, Enriching Our Worship 1 p. 71

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We thank you God for teachers

Winfrey Gillette, *Gifts of Love*

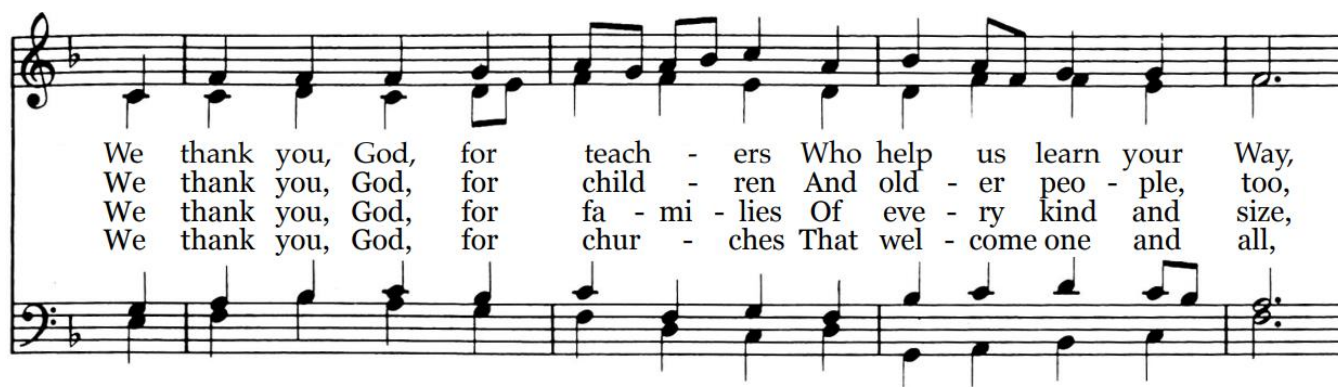
DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

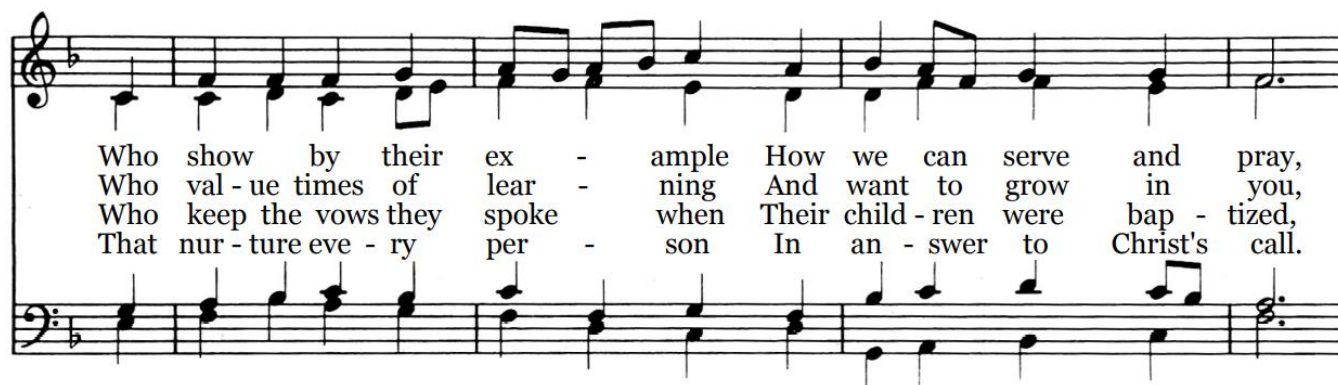
*Please join us for **coffee, cake, and conversation** outside to the right of the church*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY with the YOUTH OF THE PARISH

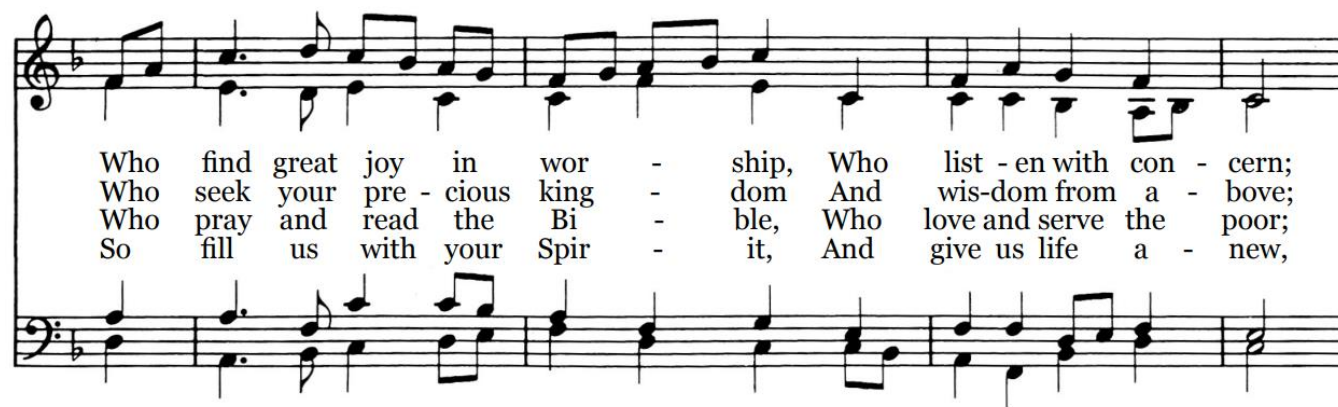
<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
<i>Crucifer & Acolyte</i>	Seth Lein
<i>Lectors & Intercessor</i>	Allison and Emily Kee, Nathan Pirelli, Landon Sweet, Anna Prevelige
<i>Musician</i>	Jeffrey Lukas
<i>Ushers</i>	Katherine Côté & Justin Varteresian
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Cathy Ellis
<i>Digital Ministers</i>	William Lein <i>with</i> Wayne Stochaj
<i>Vestry Liaison</i>	Lucille Clinkman
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Seth Lein <i>with</i> Pat Keppler



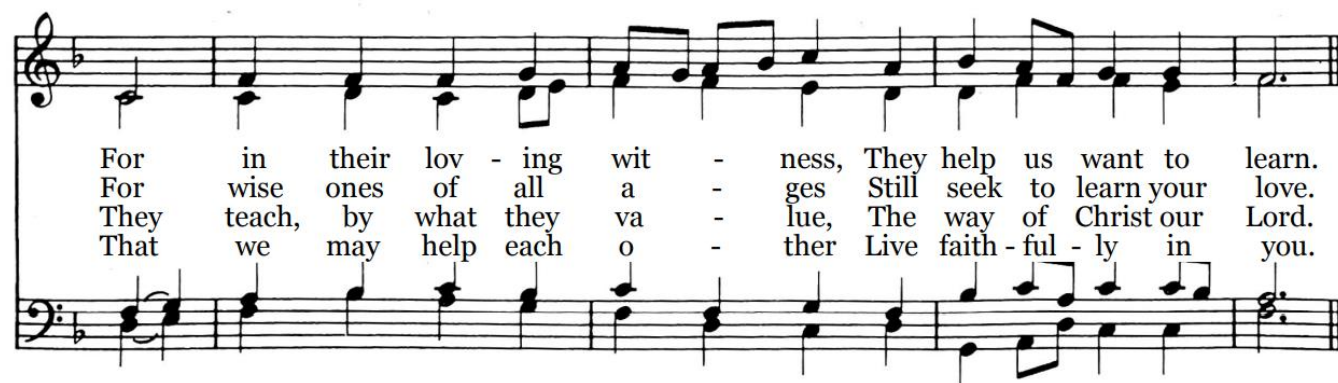
We thank you, God, for teach - ers Who help us learn your Way,
 We thank you, God, for child - ren And old - er peo - ple, too,
 We thank you, God, for fa - mi - lies Of eve - ry kind and size,
 We thank you, God, for chur - ches That wel - come one and all,



Who show by their ex - ample How we can serve and pray,
 Who val - ue times of lear - ning And want to grow in you,
 Who keep the vows they spoke when Their child - ren were bap - tized,
 That nur - ture eve - ry per - son In an - swer to Christ's call.



Who find great joy in wor - ship, Who list - en with con - cern;
 Who seek your pre - cious king - dom And wis - dom from a - bove;
 Who pray and read the Bi - ble, Who love and serve the poor;
 So fill us with your Spir - it, And give us life a - new,



For in their lov - ing wit - ness, They help us want to learn.
 For wise ones of all a - ges Still seek to learn your love.
 They teach, by what they va - lue, The way of Christ our Lord.
 That we may help each o - ther Live faith - ful - ly in you.

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit,
through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday at 9:00 am	Blessing of the Backpacks (Rite II) in person and on Zoom
Tuesday at 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday at 12:30 pm	JULIETS Luncheon at Red Heat Tavern, Milford
Thursday at 4:00 pm	Grab 'n Go meals at Trinity
Friday at 10:00 am	Painting Class in Murray Hall

DIOCESAN AND CHURCH EVENTS

September 1-October 4	Celebrating the <i>Season of Creation</i>
September 15th	Holy Cross Day (Feast of Our Lord)
September 21st	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Major Feast)

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