



**St. Michael's**  
Episcopal Church  
COLORADO SPRINGS

September 12, 2021 10:00 AM  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome & Introduction

**Prelude**                      Sinfonia on “We Thank Thee, O God”                      J.S. Bach, arr. Martin Setchell

**Opening Hymn**              “The Church’s One Foundation”                      Hymn #525

1. The Church’s one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, “How long?”  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

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

*People* 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.

## Gloria

Hymn S280

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.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## A Reading from the Book of 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?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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.

*People*      **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.**

### 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**    *\*also sung after The Gospel reading*

### The Gospel

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark. **Mark (8:27-38)**

*People*      **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



**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People Form VI**

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
***People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
***People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kym, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***People* For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* And we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*Leader* Let us pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit: Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Cheryl, Gael, John, Linda, James, Steve, Nancy, Tom J., Naomi, Rose, Katie, Roger, Hank, Gail, Kelsey, Leona, Bob K., Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Keith, Kitty, Jan L, Kathy, Alice, Terry, Mary, Marge W., Carol P., & Steve.

Let us pray for the deployed and those serving in the military: Garrett, Antoine, and Rick.

Let us pray for those living in distress, conflicts, and disaster areas in our community, country, and around the world.

Let us also pray for those who have died, especially Mary (John Bessette's sister), and Sister Clare Elisabetta & her mother Nellie. May we remember with thanksgiving those we no longer see and grant us the mercy and grace to weep with those who weep and comfort those who mourn. +

With grateful and thankful hearts, may we recognize and celebrate the birthdays in our parish community this week: Aprel, Bob B., Wyre, David M., & Linda Weidner. We also give thanks for the anniversaries this week of: Gaile & Gus Combs, Bridget & Chris Hause, Marianne & Patrick Jenkins, and Hank & Pat Pricenski.

The Altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of The Rev. Melissa Kean by Linda, Bob, and the Kean family.

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)*

**Announcements**

**Digital Offering**

*(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
2. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

**The Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"**

Hymn #380, v. 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. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B**

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 367

*Celebrant* All things come of thee O Lord.

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*  
**People**  
*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

Hymn S129

**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.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People**

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***People*** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymns:**

**“Blest Are They”**

Led by Amanda French

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
 theirs is the kingdom of God.  
 Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
 they shall be consoled.

**Refrain**

**Rejoice and be glad!**  
**Blessed are you; holy are you!**  
**Rejoice and be glad!**  
**Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
 they shall inherit the earth.  
 Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
 they shall have their fill.

**Refrain**

3. Blest are they who show mercy;  
 mercy shall be theirs.  
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
 they shall see God!

**Refrain**

4. Blest are they who seek peace;  
 they are the children of God.  
 Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
 the glory of God is theirs.

**Refrain**

5. Blest are you who suffer hate  
 all because of me.  
 Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,  
 shine for all to see.

**Refrain**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

Led by Sonja Anderson

**Refrain**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

**Refrain**

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

**Refrain**

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.

**Refrain**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

Led by Elena Zarecky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Refrain**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

**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.

### Final Blessing

**Closing Hymn**      “Praise to the Lord”

Hymn #390

1. 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,  
 Psalter, organ and song,  
 Sounding in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth,  
 Born as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth:  
 Hast thou not seen  
 How all thou needest hath been  
 Granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way, and defend thee;  
 Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
 Ponder anew  
 What the Almighty can do,  
 Who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! Oh 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 forever adore him!

### Dismissal

*Deacon*            Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**            Flourish on “Lift High the Cross”

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

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