

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Ada, OK

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

September 8, 2024 9:00am



Our Mission: To live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Prelude: *Prelude on "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise* by Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: #657 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Opening Acclamation: Page 355 BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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: *S-280 Gloria in excelsis*

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 125

Qui confidunt

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to
the just,*
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Epistle

James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who

are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: #439 *What Wondrous Love is This (1-2/3)*

The Gospel **Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily Christopher Bragg

The Nicene Creed Page 358 BCP

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, BCP Page 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; Mike our Supply Priest and Bobby and Robert, our Deacons, and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma, especially St. Peter's, Coalgate; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holland Hall School, Tulsa, Casady School, Oklahoma City, and Oak Hall School, Ardmore; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For those serving our country at home or abroad:

McKinley Noel

Eli Walling

Joshua

Paige Perkinson

Kait & Collin Rivers

We also pray for our veterans, especially for those still struggling with wartime wounds, let them feel your comfort and healing grace.

For those who are in hospitals and others who need healing:

Robert Martinez	Michael Hughes	Jack White	Laura Beth Thompson
Jeanna McQuay	April Nesbit	Judy Coy	Lynne & Harold Cline
River Northcutt	Lisa Ainsworth	Sheila	Sandy & Kenny Phillips
Libby Thomas	Renee Hogue	Tonya Dyer	Richard Blaylock
Yvonne Carver	Jim Lasley	Rusty Hall	Salyer Roebuck
Lindsay McDonald	Velta	Melinda & Evelyn Morgan	

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Chloe Miller & Annie, Lottie, Lydie, Delta and Drew, Guy & Sue Milner, Holly Mitchell, and Phillip Newcomer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Christine Pappas, Jaycob Willis, Kim Roark, Kevin Turney, and Bethany Walling.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The altar flowers are given by Denver & Tori Davison in memory of Bob Parr. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Deacon: Let us confess our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable collect.

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

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

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361 BCP

Offertory

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshiping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support St. Luke's through pledged offerings made via mail or online through Tithe.ly. Together our gifts make possible for us to live fully into our mission of to live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Offertory Anthem: *River Hymn* by Christopher Bragg

Doxology: Sung to the tune of hymn #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him/God all creatures here below.
Praise Him/God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

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

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: *S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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

People and Celebrant:

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

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, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: #318 *Here, O My Lord*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: 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

Closing Hymn: #390 *Praise to the Lord*

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* by Marty Haugen

Serving Today:

Officiant: The Rev. Mike Anderson

Deacons: Rev. Robert Willis & Rev. Bobby Saunkeah

Homily: Christopher Bragg

Lector: Yoli Vazquez

Organist: Farren Rowan

Music Dir.: Christopher Bragg

Acolyte: Flossie Walling

Ushers: Phillip Cody & Dan Church

Altar Guild: Marsha Church & Susan Norvell

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden: Angus McFarlane

Junior Warden: Katrina McCurdy

Treasurer: Barbara Suess

Secretary: Diane Criswell

Anne Escobedo

Bridget Forshay

Erin Bigelow-Jacob

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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 10: Men's Breakfast 6:45am

Pastoral Care Committee 3:30pm

Wednesday, September 11: Youth Group 5:30pm

Choir Practice 6:30pm

Sunday, September 15: Youth Sunday School Pancake Breakfast

Monday, September 16: Soul Collage 6:00pm

Thursday, September 19: Matthew 25 4:00-5:15pm

Friday, September 20: St. Luke's Social Hour 5:30-7:30pm

Hosted by Randy & Kathy Taylor

