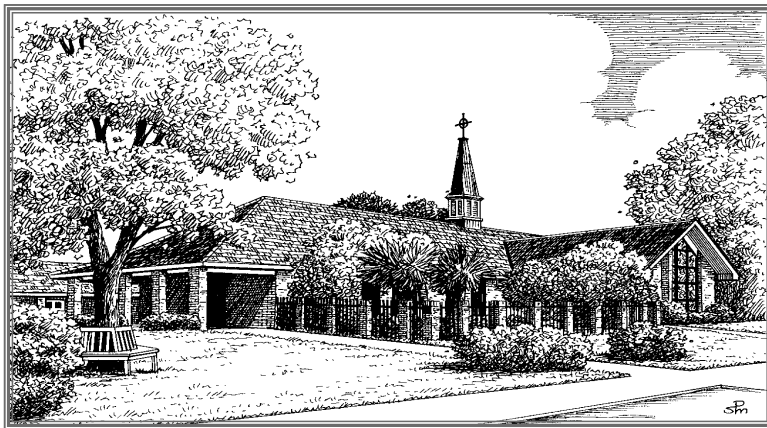


## ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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September 12, 2021—8:45 a.m.  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Processional Hymn

Hymn No. 671

Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* Christ, have mercy.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Lesson

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.

Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 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.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*

for the LORD has treated you well.  
 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
 in the land of the living.

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll



Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 according to Mark.

*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 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."

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Bryan Owen

*All stand*

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

*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.*

For 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*

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

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

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever 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.*

*Leader and People*

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 stands and says*

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Hymn No. 89



1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;  
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,  
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;



1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:—  
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:—  
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow,—  
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,—



1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."  
4. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

*Please stand as the following is sung by the Congregation.*

Doxology

Hymn No. 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.

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*People*                   The Lord be with you.  
                                  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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

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 S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*Celebrant and 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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

- *Please use hand sanitizer before receiving Communion.*
- *The bread will be given by hand from the priest and can be consumed at the time of reception. The common cup will not be shared.*
- *We will not use the altar rail, but will instead line up in single file to receive from the priest.*
- *A tray of consecrated bread in cups will be available for persons who prefer to receive Communion in that manner. Please consume the bread and leave the cup on the tray before returning to your seat.*
- *A separate tray of gluten-free wafers is also available.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 693

Just as I am, without one plea

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am: thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you;  
Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Alleluia.

Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.



## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Procession Hymn

Hymn No. 376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

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

## Postlude

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY  
RANDAL, ALICE, ANNA LEE, & STELLA DANIEL  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM AUSTIN DANIEL  
AND  
MR. & MRS. DENNIS EDMON  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

### SECC Sunday

All donations placed in SECC envelopes during services will be directed to the Solomon Center to continue its mission. A word from SECC:

“Today is SECC Sunday! Please consider supporting the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center with your donation. We set aside the second Sunday of September each year to celebrate the Solomon Center. The funds collected this year will go toward helping the Center recover from the ongoing cancellations and declining numbers associated with the pandemic. We thank you for your support in helping us continue the ministry of Hospitality in our Diocese.”