

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023
AT 10:30^{AM}



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6301 PARKMAN PLACE
CINCINNATI

If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us today! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about all of the wonderful offerings we have at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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ARTIST'S NOTE

In the readings today, we listened to the story of Jesus telling Peter to forgive others not seven times, but seventy-seven times — not only are we directed to forgive with the minimal grace, but complete and total forgiveness and grace shown to all. We do this because everyone born is deserving of the mercy and grace of God.

This morning's Opening Voluntary is an organ chorale prelude by J.S. Bach. In Bach's time, it was common practice to improvise and compose pieces on the most well-known hymns of the time, hymns that everyone would know and love, just as Ethan will do at the end of our service. The piece this morning is based on a German Lutheran hymn entitled "Erbarme dich, o mein Herre Gott" whose text translates to the following - a call for mercy from the Lord.

HAVE MERCY on me, Lord my God. Of kindness Thou hast ever more, cleanse my offenses with Thy blood, I own my sin, it grieves me sore. I've sinned against Thy whole command, this truth confronts me constantly; before Thee evil cannot stand, and Thou art just to punish me.

This call for mercy is answered by the reassurance of the text of our Opening Hymn - that God sees something special in each and every one of his creations, even if we can't see it. For everyone born is deserving of the grace of God, a place at our table, and the love we have to share. This grace and mercy is astounding and we encourage you to not only contemplate the text of the readings, but read the hymns and anthems to see how they reflect these themes. Take time to find awe and wonder of this love throughout the service today and go forth in love, grace, and mercy.

— Ethan Neal, Director of Music Ministry

“My heart a place [...]”

My heart a place
Of mystic grace,
My soulful smile
Knows no decay.
Each day I join
The inner race,
Each day my Lord's
Beauty I portray.
– Sri Chamroy

Sri Chinmoy has been a poet from a young age. He began writing poetry whilst a teenager in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. His poetry has always been a reflection and revelation of his own spiritual experiences. Sri Chinmoy was born in 1931 in India. At a young age he lost both parents and therefore moved to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry. After 20 years in the ashram he followed an inner command to go to America to share the wisdom of yoga to seekers in the West. Since 1964 Sri Chinmoy has sought tirelessly to inspire others to lead better more fulfilling lives. As well as being a noted poet Sri Chinmoy is also a musician and has given several hundred free concerts of meditative music.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

J.S. Bach

Erbarme dich, o mein Herre Gott

OPENING HYMN

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In the bulb there is a flower

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Michael Burkhardt

Choir: Gathered in God's name round the table of grace. Gathered as one family in the name of love.

Everyone:

Gathered in God's Name

Refrain

with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
in the name of love, in the name of
slowing
love, in the name of love.

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THE 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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and

on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 114

Pray responsively by whole verse

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 **Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 **The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

1-4 Final Ending

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Repeat Refrain

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary Taflinger

THE 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to forgive our sins and to lead us into freedom: Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Litanist: Loving One, look upon your church with patience and grant us your divine forbearance, that we may forgive and be forgiven within the abundance of your grace. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *at the presence of the God of Jacob.*

Enlighten this nation and our leaders, O Holy One, that we may be a generous people, extending your justice and becoming instruments of your reconciliation. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *at the presence of the God of Jacob.*

Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with illness, violence, poverty, extreme weather, injustice or oppression, that they may be delivered from their distress. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, ***at the presence of the God of Jacob.***

Inspire this community with your generosity of Spirit, that we may forgive the debts of others even as we have been forgiven. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, ***at the presence of the God of Jacob.***

Hear our prayer for those whom we bring to your steadfast love, especially ____.

Let every tongue praise you for your goodness, especially for ____.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. We remember those who are the Lord's possession through death, especially ____.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, ***at the presence of the God of Jacob.***

Celebrant: God of Infinite Love, you liberate us from all bondage and you call us to generosity and grace: Bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives and free us from all division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Tom Trenney

For Everyone Born
Ethan Neal, soloist

“For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For young and for old a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.”

– Shirley Erena Murray

AT THE PRESENTATION

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness: loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters, led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

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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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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, & 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,

*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.*

FRACTION HYMN

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I. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly: ho - ly man - na
 is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

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.

A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing.

There's a wideness in God's mercy

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Standing; said by all.*

*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

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those we make the journey with. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSE

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Amazing Grace

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

Improvisation on NEW BRITAIN

Serving Today 9/17

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Preacher: The Rev. Mary Taflinger

Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir

Readers: Tony Nagygyor and Chris Denhart

Server: Johnny Arguedas

Usher: Mackenzie Hammel

Altar Guild: Karen Murphy

The altar flowers are given today in honor of Bonnie and John Spain's wedding anniversary.

Communion Bread: Karen Murphy

Coffee Hour: Ron and Karen Murphy

Serving Next Week 9/24

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir

Readers: Christina Albert and Jackson Hearn

Server: Kate Butler

Usher: Tom Carter

Altar Guild: Helen Prather

Communion Bread: Mary Taflinger

Coffee Hour: John and Bonnie Spain and Kathy Doane

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEP. 17TH

Welcome All Saints Choir!

We are thrilled to welcome back the All Saints Choir as we start this program year! We also welcome the Choral Scholars to the All Saints community as a part of our Music Ministry. If you are interested in joining the choir, please reach out the Ethan! The choir rehearses Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the church.

Coffee Hour Help

We are in need of support for our Coffee Hour hospitality this fall. Please sign up on the parish's Sign Up genius page or email Meredith+ to get involved!

Ways to Give

All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash or checks in the offering plate. You can donate via text by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give by credit card by scanning the QR code below.



Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Gary Slater, Jean McOsker and the McOsker family, L.B., Marek Wojtasinski, Danny Brown, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Rafael de Acha, Tim Slater, Devon Fults, Dory Sellers, Morgan Anderson, Phoebe Macaulay, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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