

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn # 625

Ye holy angels bright

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Gloria S204

The Collect of the Day:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of The Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *

and show him my salvation.

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Hymn # 705 *As those of old their first fruits brought*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Luke.
People: Glory be to thee. O Lord

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Confession	BCP 331
Exchange of the Peace	

Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP II)	BCP 340
<i>Sanctus S114</i>	

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
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The Fraction Anthem S 154

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn # 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
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The Blessing

Hymn # 494 Crown him with many crowns

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully

serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Donald Batrus, Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Betty Burdge, Jennifer Wisor, Keith Hipp.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

Annual Parish Meeting

Please join us today for our "Annual Parish Meeting" and Potluck Luncheon. We will have Nomination of new Vestry Members. This is an important meeting and your input is needed.

Church Envelopes for 2026

Even though it is the end of September, the office would like to have some idea on how many Church Envelopes to order for 2026. You can call the office or send an e mail by the 15th of October.

Bishop Ketlen's Visit

Bishop Ketlen will be visiting St. Mark's on October 5th. Please join us for this "Special Occasion" with the coffee hour to follow.

Readers and Greeters September- October 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

Sept. 28th Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry

Oct. 5th Lisa Bell-Loncella & Colleen Curry

Oct. 12th Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie

Oct. 19th Richard Burkert & Tina Grata

Oct. 26th Lisa Bell Loncella & Pam Hysong

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

Sept. 28th Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko

Oct. 5th Melissa Babalonis & Aiden

Oct. 12th Jane & Gerry Strittmatter

Oct. 19th Amy & Penn Whitlow

Oct. 26th Melisa Babalonis & Aiden

Sunday: The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 28th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Oct. 4th 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals
 “Bake Sale”

Next Sunday: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 5th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 Bishop’s Visitation & Potluck Luncheon

THE SIXTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

28 September 2025

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Scottdale,
and the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Gainer,
also

St. Thomas, Northern Cambria, and the Rev. Annis Rogers

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Aunt Jane Larison
From Pam Hysong

In Loving Memory of
Harry Mainhart
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service*

