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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

One God and Father of all.

S280 Glory to God

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19 Page 606, BCP (*read in unison*)

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Sermon

Rev. Canon John Bolton

The Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP

The Prayers of St. Christopher's

The Prayers of the People (Form VI) Page 392, BCP

Confession and Absolution Page 393, BCP

The Peace Page 360, BCP

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A (Page 361)

Prayer for Those Who Cannot be Present

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in

glory. Since we cannot receive you together today, we beseech you to join us spiritually in our hearts with the presence of your Body and Blood. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Bishop has suspended the use of the common cup during the pandemic, so we will only distribute the bread. The Episcopal Church believes that receiving the bread alone is full reception of both the Body and Blood of Christ.

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Let us break bread together

Prayer after Receiving (366)

Prayer of Leavetaking (said by all)

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

LEVAS# 144

I can hear my Savior calling

Sending Forth

Welcome to St. Christopher's! If you are visiting today, we are happy you are with us. Please fill out a visitor's information card and hand it to an usher, or place it in the offering plate. *All Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

Vestry: Bob Daffin (*Senior Warden*), Paul Davison, Nomsa Sibeko-Brown, Tom Wukasinovich (*Junior Warden*).

We welcome Canon John Bolton as the Bishop's Deputy today and we welcome back Robert McTyre as our guest organist. There will be a reception after today's service.

This Week at St. Christopher's!

Sunday, September 12

10:00 Holy Eucharist, *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday, September 19

10:00 *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Attic Treasures is an outreach ministry of St. Christopher's staffed entirely by volunteers. Attic Treasures is open Thursday 10am-4pm.

The Parish Administrator's Office Hours

Tuesdays-Thursdays 3:30 pm-7:30 pm