

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
165 Ponquogue Ave.  
Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024



**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY  
SCHOOL AND TO OUR  
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!**

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**Sundays 9am**

Service: Holy Eucharist

**Saturday Vigil 5:30pm**

Service: Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday 9am**

Service: Holy Eucharist & Anointing

**Holy Days as announced**

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## Entrance Hymn

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People Hymnal 536*

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Fine*

*Da Capo*

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

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

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

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.*

## First Reading *Proverbs 1:20-33*

### Reader: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

### A Song in Praise of Wisdom

*Wisdom 7:26–8:1 Read in unison*

**For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,  
a spotless mirror of the working of God,  
and an image of his goodness.**



**Although she is but one, she can do all things,  
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;  
in every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;  
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.**

**She is more beautiful than the sun,  
and excels every constellation of the stars.  
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,  
for it is succeeded by the night,  
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.**

**She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,  
and she orders all things well.**

**Second Reading** *James 3:1-12*

**Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James:**

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.**

## Gradual Hymn

*Take up your Cross, the Savior Said* Hymnal 675 verses 1-3



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take un your cross. heed not the shame. and

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still: the Lord for you ac -

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 8:27- 38 (All stand)*

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.”

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

Sermon

Father Justin Falciani

Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

*Priest & People together*

**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***

*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; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors.

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and *Lawrence* our Bishop, Daniel, Willaim and GERALYN assisting Bishops, Justin our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve in God's Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those suffering from the war in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine and those on St. Mary's prayer list: Teddy, Trish N., Deborah, Jesse, Beverly, Don, Nancy, Rhonda, Pat, Winnefred, Craig, Giacomo, Jackie, Priscilla, Ron, Joe C, Keri, Patricia, Mark & Susan, Marilyn, Ron & Bonnie, Nancy, Tom & Christine, Bob, Kenzie, Peg, Sandy, Joseph, Bob, Jean, Joyce O., Annie, Betty & Freddy, Harper S, Donna M, and Carol B.

*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.***

*The priest adds a concluding Collect*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Priest and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest pronounces absolution saying:*

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 Exchange of Peace



*All stand.*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Blessings & Announcements*

***The Welcoming back of Sunday School Teachers and Students and the Blessing of Backpacks.***

*The Priest says:*

We thank, God, you for each student, their life among us, and the future before them. Lead them in your way, your truth, and your life. Let each classroom they enter be a place of life and light, warmth and welcome, discovery and growth. Give them good friends and let be good friends for others. Set them at tasks which demand their best efforts, and lead them to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Let them not take failures and disappointments as a measure of their worth but as opportunities for new learning and new beginnings. Open their hearts to life and their minds to learning. Let Holy Wisdom be their companion.

Send your holy angels to stand guard and keep watch over all students and teachers. Let their names be always on the lips of your saints in prayer. Bless and keep them. Let your face shine upon them. Be gracious to them. Lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace.

Accept and bless these backpacks to be for those who carry them a sign of your and our love, support, and presence.

All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*



**Offertory Anthem**

*Good by Natalie Sleeth: Sung by Choir*

*Doxology*

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.

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***The Eucharistic Prayer***

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People*

*Santo, Santo, Santo Wonder, Love, and Praise No 785*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.  
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,

brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and  
ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has  
formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.  
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with  
all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

*The Lord's Prayer (Blue Praise Book, page 123)*

*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 debts, as we forgive  
our debtors. Let us not be tempted, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, the  
power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen, Alleluia, Yes- Thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.*

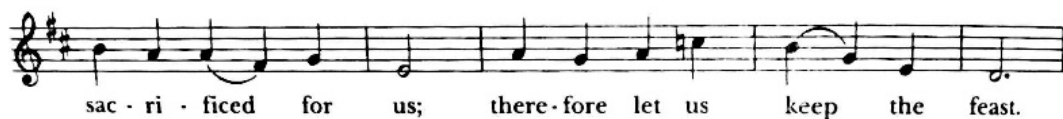
**The Breaking of the Bread**  
*A period of silence is kept.*

# S 155

## The Holy Eucharist

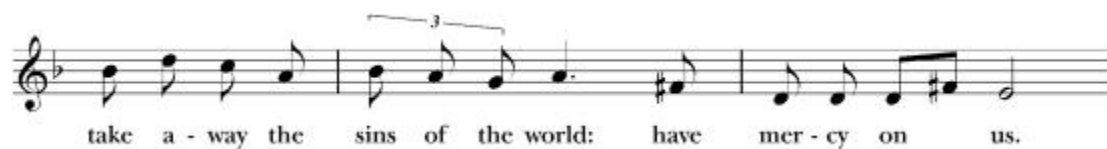
### Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

### Hymnal S 163 *Agnus Dei*



*Post Communion Hymn*

*There is a Balm in Gilead Hymnal 676*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed'. The second staff continues with 'whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to'. The third staff has two endings: the first ending leads to 'heal the sin - sick soul.' and the second ending leads to 'soul.'. The fourth staff has two verses: '1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and' and '2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you'. The fifth staff continues with 'think my work's in vain, but' and 'can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of'. The sixth staff is labeled 'Repeat Refrain' and contains 'Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.' and 'Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."'.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed  
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to  
heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you  
think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly  
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of  
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Repeat Refrain

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, alt.*

*Music: Syt. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr*

*Post Communion Prayer Priest and People:*

**Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Final Blessing*



## Recessional

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LEVAS 111*

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at  
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of  
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

## Announcements

### **Daughters of the King**

The Daughters of the King will be meeting

Meetings will now take place  
the first Monday of every month  
**from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Fireside Room.**

Book study: Fierce Women of the Bible who Changed the World by Jennifer Cowart.  
Please have Chapter One completed by the next meeting on October 7, 2024

## Pastoral CARE

Beginning in September Father Justin will be scheduling Pastoral Care visits once a month. This includes house visits, nursing home visits, and even hospital visits!

**Pastoral Care visits will take place on the second Wednesday of every month from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.**

For those who would like a visit, please call the office! These visits must be scheduled, so parishioners will know when to expect Father Justin.

**\*Disclaimer:** This does not replace Pastoral emergencies. In the case of an emergency contact Father Justin at any time.

### **The Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is having their upcoming September Meeting, set to take place on **September 24th at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall.**

We invite all men of the Parish to join us for an evening filled with fellowship and meaningful Bible Study!





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**SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS**

Adult Faith Forum  
Discovering Our Spiritual  
Building Blocks  
LED BY FATHER JUSTIN

THURSDAYS  
SEPTEMBER 12TH -  
OCTOBER 3RD

7:00-8:30PM

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