



13 September 2015 (Proper 19b)

11 A.M. MASS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant – The Reverend Gene Anderson

Choir Director – Sally Ford

Prelude

The spacious firmament on high...

Hymnal 409

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

People respond

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens -- awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116:1-8

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.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Take up your cross...

Hymnal 675

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 8:27 - 38

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."

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence. The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 Katherine our presiding bishop, Michael our presiding bishop-elect, and Holly our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions in the silences, either silently or aloud.

For the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially Bill, David, Ralph, Sandra, Rosemary, Craig, Christopher, Patsy, Stephanie, Nancy, Tim, and Dick. *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces, especially Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie, Anthony, and David. *Silence*

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

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings in the silences, either silently or aloud.

For those celebrating birthdays, and anniversaries. *Silence.*

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

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 concludes with an absolution and bids the peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Choir Anthem
Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving
Holy, holy, holy Lord

as announced
Hymnal S 129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Alleluia, Christ our Passover

S 152

The Invitation
Before thy throne....
The Church's one foundation...

Hymnal 574
Hymnal 525

Postcommunion Prayer

as announced

Blessing and Dismissal.
People respond - Thanks be to God.

Glorious things of thee are spoken...

Hymnal 523

Postlude

The Rev. Mr. Gene Anderson graduated with a double major degree in Biology and Chemistry and spent 5 years doing cancer research. His wife, Suzan, is a retired Trust attorney and was born in Harrisonburg, VA. They have 3 daughters, and six grandchildren. Responding to a call to become an Episcopal priest, he graduated from the seminary in Austin, Texas, and was ordained a Priest in 1964 and spent several years in parish ministry serving churches in Maryland and New York. In 1995 he retired and moved with his wife, Suzan to Roanoke where he served as a retired priest in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. He has served as a part-time Interim Priest at 5 churches in Virginia and has supplied in many churches while serving 16 years as the Transition Officer (helping parishes call new clergy) for the Bishop. He retired (as his wife says) for the 5th or 6th time in 2013.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Subdeacons: Jayne dePaulo

Readers: Cara Kinsey

Prayers: Dorothy Diggs

Ushers: Richard Camp & G.B Thompson

Coffee: Wanda Gammon

Altar: Mary Hicks Heitzler & Martha Jane Rush

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Special Announcements

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mary Hicks Heitzler and Martha Jane Rush

Hosts are needed for coffee hour on September 20th and 27th.
Please sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Eucharist Service will be held at Coles Hill at 11:00 am prior to the annual picnic to be hosted by Walter & Alice Coles. Please register if you plan to attend on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Worship Schedule

September 20 - The Reverend Janet Fuller
September 27 - The Reverend Gene Anderson

October 4 - The Reverend Charles Hawes – Greensboro, NC
October 11 – The Reverend Mitzi Noble
October 18 - The Reverend Mitzi Noble - On the lawn at Coles Hill
October 25 - The Reverend Gene Anderson

November 1 – To Be Announced
November 8 – To Be Announced
November 15 – To Be Announced
November 22 – The Reverend Gene Anderson
November 29 - To Be Announced