

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

20 September 2009



*The Noah Window*  
Grace Church

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II — 8:00 AM  
The Holy Eucharist with Baptism — 10:30 AM

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

8:00 AM

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Presider says*

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

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

**The Collect for Purity**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

**The Gloria**

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**The Collect of the Day**

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**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

Proverbs 31:10-31

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Psalm 1

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James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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Mark 9:30-37

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**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People, Form IV**

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**The Confession of Sin**

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**The Laying on of Hands**

**Peace**

## The Holy Communion

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Postcommunion Prayer**

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**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips, *Presider*

Gretchen Eilertson, *Assisting*

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# Choral Holy Eucharist with Baptism

10:30 AM

## The Word of God

### Opening Voluntary

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn Prelude on “Rhosymedre”

### Hymn at the Procession

*The Hymnal 1982, #517*

How lovely is thy dwelling place

*Brother James' Air*

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

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

*The Presider then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

#### The Jewish Scripture

**Proverbs 31:10-31**

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the

distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Psalm 1

Chant: Samuel Sebastian Wesley



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the <sup>1</sup>counsel of the <sup>1</sup>wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor <sup>1</sup>sat in the <sup>1</sup>seats of the <sup>1</sup>scornful
- 2 Their delight is in the <sup>1</sup>law of the <sup>1</sup>LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his <sup>1</sup>law <sup>1</sup>day and <sup>1</sup>night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>1</sup>do not <sup>1</sup>wither; \*  
— <sup>1</sup>everything they <sup>1</sup>do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not <sup>1</sup>so with the <sup>1</sup>wicked; \*  
they are like <sup>1</sup>chaff which the <sup>1</sup>wind blows a <sup>1</sup>way.

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5 **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**The Epistle**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #469*

There's a wideness in God's mercy

*St. Helena*

**The Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he



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*Presider* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Alexis in her life in Christ?

*All People present answer* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with Alexis who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

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*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

*Presider* Let us now pray for Alexis who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

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*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Presider blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

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

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Baptism of Alexis Joyce Mercier**

*Alexis is presented by name to the Presider who pours water upon her, saying*

Alexis, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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*When this has been completed, the Presider prays*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the head of the newly baptized, marking the sign of the cross and saying*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*The Presider says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Presider and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

**The Signing of the Baptismal Book**

**The Laying on of Hands**

**The Peace**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name, bring offerings and come into his courts with praise.

**Anthem at the Offering**

William H. Harris

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, Which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

– *Sarum Antiphon*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

*The Hymnal 1982, #587*

Our Father, by whose Name

*Rhosymedre*



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## — Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	<i>Celebrant</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Organist and Director of Music</i>
Hugh MacKay	<i>Vergers</i>
Courtney Lederhaus, Evan Aroko	<i>Acolytes</i>
Juli Lederhaus	<i>Lector</i>
Juli and Walter Lederhaus	<i>Chalicers</i>
Anne Busteed	<i>Greeter</i>
Pauline Grady, Marc Hawlena	<i>Ushers</i>
Laura Beasley-Topliffe, Bradford Green	<i>Counters</i>
Cindy Rhodes, Pauline Grady	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Deborah Papps, Jane Thompson	<i>Flowers</i>

### A Special Greeting to Newcomers

Welcome to those of you here for the first time. The Episcopal Church offers all the sacraments of the Catholic Tradition to anyone who is a baptized Christian and who desires such sacrament. Please feel free to come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, or to receive a blessing. All are welcome to the rail, as all are welcome to reverently receive the heavenly food of God. And, when we see you next Sunday, you won't be a newcomer at all!

### Parish Notices

**Thank You** to those members of the Altar Guild who attended the special retreat yesterday. Altar Guild is one of many ways members of the parish can serve in the worship ministries. Other possibilities include Lectors, Acolytes, Vergers, Chalicers, Ushers, the Flower Guild and the Choirs. All are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving in worship.

**Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Matthew** and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:30 am instead of reading Morning Prayer. The Office of Morning Prayer will be read Tuesday through Thursday at 9:30. **Next week**, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 29, for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**This coming Saturday, September 26** is our monthly luncheon served at the Salem Mission. The envelopes in the leaflet today are to receive your offerings which you may place in the plate this morning, or drop it by the church office at any time.

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**Next Saturday is also the Diocesan Resource Day on “Discipleship.”**

To be held at Bentley University in Waltham from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, the day offers four workshop periods of a variety of workshops to develop skills and give spiritual and practical help for joining God’s mission in the world. Mark and Debbie are offering a workshop on electronic communications. Any who would like to attend should contact Debbie by this Tuesday.

**On October 4th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals.** Our 10:30 am service will be celebrated on the Brick Patio, so we invite all to bring their pets for this unique service and special blessing. The service will be followed by a cookout, and a video taping session for any who wish to speak of their “Gifts of Grace” found at Grace Church. **The Northshore Animal Shelter** is looking for old tennis balls and towels, toys for dogs and cats and canned dog and cat food for their animals. As part of our Blessing of the Animals, please consider bringing an item for the shelter which we can present to them following the October 4th service.

**Save the Date!** Our “Holidays with Grace” Auction is set for Saturday October 17th. Tickets will go on sale next Sunday. You might consider purchasing a block of tickets and treating your friends to this evening of fun.

**It’s time to order the 2010 Church “Ordo Kalendar”!** The Altar Guild sponsors our purchase of these calendars to support their work, but it would be helpful to know how many we should buy. If you would like us to order one for you, please sign the sheet posted in the lobby.

**Service Time:** The Vestry is considering moving the service time for the later service from 10:30 am to 10:00 am. The attendance during the summer months with the 10:00 time were wonderful and many have mentioned that a 10:00 start time would help them with their schedules. Please speak to any member of the Vestry about how you feel.

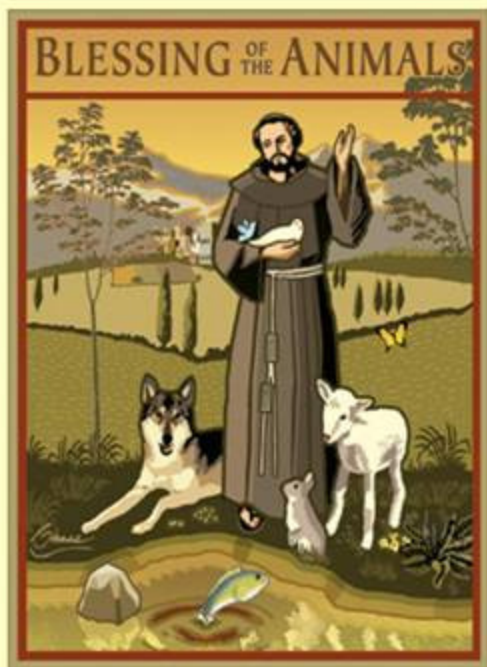
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**“Gifts of Grace”:** Each week, we will print what a member of the Vestry believes are their gifts of Grace. Today’s is from Bradford Green:

I have been a member of Grace for three years. I come to Church to find purpose and direction in my life. On March 24th, 2008, I wound up in the hospital for a week in a coma and almost died. I cannot say that the experience changed me at once; it did, however, change me over time. Since that experience I have discovered the deeper importance for me of having a relationship to God which is worthy of his gift of my life. I believe God wants me to help others in the world and have discovered that when I am engaged in such service, I am happiest. I joined the vestry for this reason – it gave me a focal point in which to help others. I attend Church because I need a place to check in every week and reconnect with this vision. Grace really makes my week and life work. Debbie inspires me to produce a better self – as do the other members of Grace. Grace fills my life with direction, purpose and happiness. Life is good; God is good. I also support Grace financially because I believe in our inherent good and desire to serve a better vision for society.

**Please keep in your prayers** Cheryl & Jeff Weber, Eleanor Nowak, Renee, Christian, Claire, Charles Dieteman, Jay Ruebeck, Sarah, Megan, Sherry, Evan, Pam & David Walcher, Samantha Reckis, Kimberly Fuller, Tim Oldfield, Donna Kelly, Roger & Karin, Noah, Emma, Nickolas Hebert, Kim, Gary Young, Jr., Jane Garland, Don, Morgan Wilkinson, Camilla Tierney, Anne, Barbara Stamoulis, Colin, Alison Lewis, Barbara Glenewinkel, Jeffrey, Barbara & Pete Ball, Luke Krafka, Mallory, Don Cook, Vivien, Karen, Chelsea, Marion & family, May Davis, Dylan Desaubies, Grace Solfanell, Allison Dealey, Danielle, Margaret, Katherine, Arthur, Paul Sullivan, Nicolas Glenwell, Dorothy Tully, Pieter White, Hannah Kohn, Louise Collins, JL, Alberto Wong, Scott, Tom, Corey, Taylor & Meredith, Anne, Herb, Jeff, Jon Papps, Stephen Duff, Dorette Jodoin, Madeline, Gladys, Jim Pelletier, Gerry Cole, Neala, the Stonehouse family, Scott MacEwan, Cherry Wood, Amy Gaskin, Marjorie Short, Holt, Ema Rosero, Carol

And in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, South Hamilton; Church of the Holy Nativity, South Weymouth; St. David’s Church, South Yarmouth; St. Mark’s Church, Southborough; and in our Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors



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Salem, Massachusetts

Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 10:30 AM

### Choral Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Animals

*Outdoors on the Brick Patio • Music by the Parish Choir  
Cookout following*

*ALL are welcome! Especially PETS!*

— Grace Episcopal Church —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	Rector
The Reverend Daniel Vélez Rivera	Curate and Urban Resident
Mark Engelhardt	Lay Associate and Principal Parish Musician
Tom and Karen Tucker	Property Stewards
Janet Fitch Parker	Financial Steward
Hugh MacKay	Vergger

— Vestry —

Stephen Allen	Senior Warden
Anne Busteed	Junior Warden
Bradford Green	Clerk
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Walter Abraham, Courtney Lederhaus, Laura Beasley-Topliffe	
Kai Nalipinski	Members of Vestry



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*The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.*