

# Pohick Episcopal Church

September 20, 2020 • The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Morning Prayer Rite II

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## Opening Welcome

**Prelude** *Our Father, who art in heaven*

Buxtehude

Officiant I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Officiant 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.*

Officiant 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 Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

### *Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** (in unison)

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
42. For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.*

**The Lessons**

Reader A Reading from Exodus (16:2-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Canticle 12     **A Song of Creation** (in unison)  
                    *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

*I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Reader A Reading from Philippians (1:21-30)

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 527 *Singing songs of expectation*



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

Reader A Gospel Reading from Matthew (20:1-16)

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

**Sermon**        The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi

**Solo**            *O how amiable* Vaughan Williams

**The Apostles' Creed**        *Officiant and People, all standing* p.96

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

**The Prayers** p. 97

Officiant    The Lord be with you.

People        *And also with you.*

Officiant    Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Officiant    Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People        *And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant    Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People        *Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant    Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People        *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant    Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People        *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant    Let your way be known upon earth;

People        *Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant    Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People        *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant    Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People        *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Collect for Guidance in Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 541 *Come, labor on*



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*Officiant* **Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19**, by any illness or hunger, or by loss of life, job or home. For all those who are isolated, alone, or discouraged.

**We pray for Pohick Church and all churches who are learning to be community in new ways.**

**We especially pray for an end to the pandemic, and wisdom for our leaders.**

**We pray for an end to racism and all social injustice, for the courage to protest wrongs peacefully, and for an end to the civil unrest and violence in our nation.**

**We pray for those who have died, especially for** The Reverend James Arnhardt, brother-in-law of Anne Arnhardt; Josephine Rose, aunt of Susan Rose Pehrsson, died in her home surrounded by family, on Sunday, August 30. Josephine was married to another Pohickian, William Carlton Rose, for 74 years.

**We pray for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel**, particularly those who are friends and family: Julie Kiefer, Karen; Laura; Jennifer; Dr. Will Edmonson; Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle; Sara Mulhern, Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delaria, and Tracy Torseth, RN.

**We especially pray for those in our parish who are ill, hospitalized, or in need of our prayers:** Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Henry Lowel, Willy and Christel Lowel, Suzi Scott, Diana Hinton, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Beth Cooke, Joan Egan, Bill Hosp, Wendy, Margery, Ethan Lee, Tom V., and Jack Florio.

**We also pray for those having birthday this week:** Kevin Koons, George Look, Connie Myers, Valerie Bays, Kristi Schrade, Anne Keeney, Frances Sessums, Kimberly Tolbert, Tamara Foster-Waddell, Doris Folen, Nicholas Alfieris, Virginia Banchoff, Charles Bradburn, Julie Elston, Riley Blankenship, and Kyle Edgemon.

**We pray for our members who serve our country**, particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Tony Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Marty Wilson.

**We pray for Christians and others around the world**, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

**We pray for peace in the Middle East**, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

**In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for** St. John's and St. Paul's, West Point; St. Stephen's, Heathsville; St. Matthew's, Sterling.

*Other intercessions may be typed in Facebook comments, or spoken aloud or in silence.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## **Closing remarks**

### **Postlude**

*Elegy*

Parry

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, *Rector*  
Assisting: The Rev. Alex Allain, *Assistant Rector*  
Lay Eucharist Minister: Angela Edgemon  
Minister of Music: Linda Wilberger Egan, SMM  
Soloist: Don Brownlee, *baritone*  
Acolyte: Rose Strawderman

## Announcements:

- **Next Sunday, September 27, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist back inside our church!** Join us at 7:45 am for Holy Eucharist Rite I or at 9:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite II. The service at 9:00 am will be streamed live on our Pohick Facebook page. We are still limited to 50 people at each service. Please note that you are required to sign-in via our Google doc on the website, check-in at the door, have temperature taken, and wear a mask. Additional guidelines will be available on the website soon.

**Note: If Fairfax County COVID cases/deaths rise during the week, based on Diocesan guidelines, we may have to adjust and hold services outside! Both services will be Eucharists, whether inside or outside. Stay tuned to Constant Contact and our website. Thank you for your patience and flexibility!**

- **Sunday School begins today!** You can still register for children's Sunday School on our website, pohick.org. Email Frances Sessums for more information, francesessums1@gmail.com. Rev. Lynn is also teaching the Inquirers' Class for adults. Check website for more info!
- We may not be gathering for fellowship and coffee after the service, but you are invited to a similar fellowship on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, **Coffee 'n Compline. Visit our website, pohick.org, for meeting details** or email Rev. Alex for more info, alex.allain@pohick.org.
- **Jane Goeller's funeral**, which will be by invitation only due to COVID restrictions, will be next Saturday, September 26. Tom Goeller will send invitation to all of Pohick for a private reception following the service.

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