

**Pohick Episcopal Church • September 19, 2021 • 8:00 am**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Procession**

**The Word of God**

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant and People (in unison)*

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

*People*       *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant     Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

Reader        A Reading from Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 54**

### ***Deus, in nomine***

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Reader            A Reading from 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.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark 9:30

*People*           *Glory be to thee, O Lord,*

Jesus and his disciples 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 will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**Sermon**        The Reverend Celal Kamran, *Assistant to the Rector*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

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Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We give thanks for the birth of Charis Jinte Baneseh, newborn granddaughter of Christian Boateng.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for all those suffering from violence and unrest in Afghanistan, for those recovering from all natural disasters. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for all who are able, to seek vaccinations. We pray for those on our prayer list on page 9.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

### *Celebrant and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

### **Announcements**

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life..

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant 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.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant and People*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

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*In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.*

*For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.*

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Celebrant Let us pray.  
*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

## Dismissal

*Priest* (Sentence of dismissal)

*People* Thanks be to God



## Those Who Serve

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Assisting and Preacher	The Reverend Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant to the Rector</i>
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Becky Wagner
Acolyte	Samantha Biddlecomb
Ushers	Dave Billingsley, John Pasour

## For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Diana Wood, Andy, Chrissy, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Anita Stribling, Susan Pehrsson, Alice Jean Scott and Charis Jinte Baneseh.

*The people may add their own petitions*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those having birthdays this week: Sarah Booth, Lynne Dalpino, Suzanne Arendas, Buck Gastrell, Sean Miller, Jonathan Tinker, Margaret Cousins, Kate Sweetser, Kevin Botts, Pat Osisek, Regan Swartwout, Hank Foresman, Grace Gurrola, Andy Heymann, Neil Sunderland

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

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, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for the Episcopal House of Bishops.



## Announcements

*Flowers are provided in loving memory of Jack and Jackie Cavanagh, parents of Carol Heintze.*

*Flowers are also provided in loving memory of BJ McPherson.*

*Last week's flowers were provided by Bill Bland in honor of his daughter, Karen Low's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Weather permitting, Coffee Hour will be held on the patio outside of the Common Room double doors following this service. We hope you can join us!
- **The Fall worship schedule** has begun with services at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am. Compline continues** Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed.
- **There is still time to register for Christian Education Classes** (online at [www.phoick.org](http://www.phoick.org)).
  - **Adult Bible Study** on the Gospel of Luke continues every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Annex. In October, we will begin a study based on "Love is the Way," by Pres. Bishop Michael Curry. In November, we will host a 4-part Adult Forum to discern specific need for military support.
  - **Alpha!** A course to talk about faith, life and God. Alpha is intended for all: newcomers, well-versed in the faith, and outsiders. We will have food, fun, and fellowship starting September 19, on Sundays in between the two services at 9:15 am in the Vestry Meeting House. Contact Rev. Celal for more information.
  - **Education for Ministry (EFM)** begins September 20, and will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7 pm to 9 pm Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or [dmchugh@umd.edu](mailto:dmchugh@umd.edu), or John Egan, for information or to register.
  - **EYC Kickoff September 19 at 6 pm.** We will have a bring your own food picnic, meet the advisers, registration for the summer mission trip and fun games in the courtyard. This will be for the parents and youth. Masks are required for all EYC events this fall.
  - **Children's Christian Education, in-person and virtual components.** Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration.
- **The Activities Fair** is today between services. To display your group activity and sign up, contact Jane Thurston at [fuzzyandjane@gmail.com](mailto:fuzzyandjane@gmail.com) 703-339-1301. Sunday School begins today.
- **Apple Butter weekend schedule: September 24** set up day, noon to 6pm, **September 25** sauce day, 6:30am to 6pm **and September 26** cooking and canning day, 6am to 6pm. **Country Fair, October 2.** Volunteers of all ages will be needed. Sign-up sheets are posted on the tower in the Common Room.

- **Suggestions for assisting Afghan refugees or Hurricane victims:**
  - Send a check marked “Afghan refugees” to the church office by Monday. Clothes donations should also be dropped off by Monday, in the Common Room.
  - House an Afghan pilot in your home, a program sponsored by Special Forces Association Chapter XI. Email Larry Provost for more information at [lawrenceprovost@aol.com](mailto:lawrenceprovost@aol.com).
  - Please pray about these opportunities: <https://mailchi.mp/1268e3513e1a/support-afghan-allies?e=22b44356f6>
  - You may choose to financially support relief efforts for victims of **Hurricane Ida** in the southern U.S. You may donate through this link: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>
  - Watch for details: In October, we plan to adopt an Afghan family to help them settle, through **NOVA Raft**.
  
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: [fuzzyandjane@gmail.com](mailto:fuzzyandjane@gmail.com) or 703-339-1301.
  
- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours between services.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
  
- **Help support the Pohick Fair by donating** homemade pies, cakes, cookies, jellies and jams to the Country Store. Baked goods should be individually wrapped or sealed in zip lock bags. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall Friday afternoon or at the booth on fair morning. Contact Angela Edgemon at [aedge619@aol.com](mailto:aedge619@aol.com) or Wendy Remaly at [wendy.remaly@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.remaly@gmail.com).
  
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** is open every Sunday 9-10:30AM! Shop for seasonal & Pohick items, beautiful jewelry handmade by Grant Hodges, & olive wood items from Bethlehem. Welcome Carol Heintze as our newest board member & Parish representative. Any shop questions or concerns, please contact Carol.

*We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.*

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