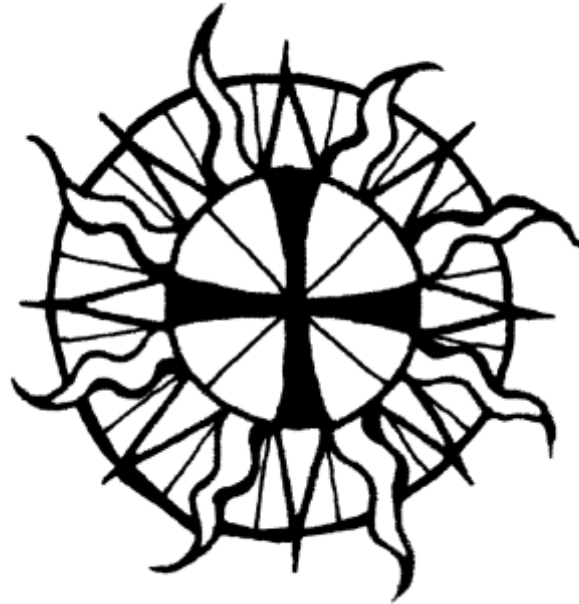


St. Francis by the Sea
330 Hinckley Ridge Rd., Blue Hill, ME 04614



The Fifteenth Sunday after
PENTECOST

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:00 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Twelve Short Pieces for Organ (London, 1816):

No. I, No. II, No. VI, No. V,
No. VII, No. VIII, No. IX

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Together

The Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria S 278

Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Tyler Knowles

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

“So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

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

PSALM 119:33-40

Tyler Knowles

³⁵Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**
³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**
³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Tony Everdell

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn WLP 778

“We all are one in mission”

Nyland

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Donna Downs

THE NICENE CREED

**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

Sarah Everdell

Our Lord Jesus has promised that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray saying, “We are gathered in your name; *accept our prayers.*”

O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other—especially when love is a challenge.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this festival today. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

O Lord, your Law is summarized, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Help us to love our neighbors so that we might do no wrong by anyone.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song—a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May the anxious rest on their beds in peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this especially Audriana, Mary Boyd, Bill Casale, Kathy Caudill, Cynthia, Dennis DeSilvey, Fr. Brent, Charles Farenelli, John Freeman, Bill Gould, Marc Heilner, Jane Heizmann, Kris Henderson, Debbie Jones, Chris Koch, Jo-Ann Krestan, Lorelei McKinnon, Will Mitchell, Jack Nisbet, Dinny Robson, Margaret Smith, Marshall Smith, Donny Smith, Carolyn Taylor, Judy Thomas, Robert Tobin, Bill Wiley, Page Williamson and Xavier.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection especially Page Williamson.

May all who have died rest in your peace.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week especially Gail Williamson, Becky Carino and Nathaniel Boechat.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

We pray for those who serve in the Armed Services especially Abigail, Kyle Cariño Mings, James Crowe III and Kevin West.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

We pray for those serving on the Discernment Committee for our new rector, Kate Mulrenin, Katie MacLeod, P.J. Curtis, Greg Payne, Matt Murphy and Heath Wall.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

A Prayer for the Discernment Committee and the Vestry, *said by all*

Almighty and everlasting God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Francis by the Sea, that we may receive a faithful priest and pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are invited to add any additional intercessions at this time either silently or aloud.

We are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At St. Francis, you may receive the sacrament in both kinds, bread and wine, by receiving the bread in the palm of your hand and by drinking from the chalice. You may also receive the bread only or the wine only. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

Dipping the bread into the wine (intinction) is considered a higher health risk, therefore we ask you not to receive in this manner. If you do not want to receive the bread and wine, you may come up to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

The Anthem:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes
(Psalm 119:33)

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus S 128

Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover WLP 866

Burdick

Communion Hymn 617

“Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round”

Song 1

Sending forth of the Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those
to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer *together*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 527

“Singing songs of expectation”

Ton-y-Botel

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude:

Twelve Short Pieces, No. III

Samuel Wesley

Ministers

The Members of St. Francis
The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine
The Rev. Donna Downs, Interim Rector
The Rev. Andrew Stoessel, Interim Rector
The Rev. Carlton and Lorna Russell, Ministers of Music

Altar Guild, Katie MacLeod
Bread Baker, Milissa LaLonde
Flowers, Marty Hamblen

Chalice Bearer, Mary Hartley, Kathy DeSilvey
Crucifer, Greg Payne
Intercessor, Sarah Everdell
Lectors, Tyler Knowles, Tony Everdell
Ushers, Prudy & Fred Heilner

Altar flowers are given by Tom & Julie Boardman
in memory of their mothers, Anna & Katherine.

Today's coffee hour is hosted by
Chris Ramsay and Julie Boardman

Services, Meetings and Events at St. Francis

Thursday	4:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II