



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

August 27, 2017: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

## Music

**Prelude** *Prelude on O Waly Waly* Raymond H. Haan

**Entrance** *Abbot's Leigh* Hymnal 523

**Offertory Anthem** *The Time for Turning* Craig Courtney

*To everything a season, to everything a time,  
a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.  
As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,  
there comes a time for turning to every living thing.*

*The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward  
bound,  
the leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.  
The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow,  
and so to all a season, a time for letting go.*

*No w is the time for turning and this the place to start;  
for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;  
a moment to surrender the things we should release,  
forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.*

**Offertory** *Guide my Feet Lord* See bulletin

**Communion Hymns** *I the Lord of Sea and Sky* See back of bulletin  
*On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand* LEVAS 99

**Exit** *Westminster Abbey* LEVAS 58

**Postlude** *The Solid Rock* Don Hustad

## Scripture

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1st Lesson

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal

shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 124** *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
 let Israel now say;  
 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*

when enemies rose up against us;  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us; **Refrain**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us. **Refrain**

Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**

## 2nd Lesson

**Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *Please stand*

**Matthew 16:13-20**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples

not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Worship Leaders**

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith	Intercessor	Alisa Williams
Chalice	Josephine Ezenwa-Okpala	Crucifer	Chloe Olliff
	Ernie Last	Ushers	Burt Mayfield, Bill
Lectors	Brad Curry, Lucy Krieg	Scoopmire	
		Altar Guild	Edna Allen, Esther Ezenwa

### **Announcements**

**Breakfast Hosts** During the program year we serve a delicious, hot breakfast in Mitchell Parish Hall on Sundays at 9am. Breakfast gives us a chance to catch up with one another. Sign up in the entryway to host breakfast. Hosts shop for breakfast supplies on behalf of the church, prepare and serve breakfast. (Jerome Harris, our Sexton, helps clean up.) Contact Ron Bullock & Bob Niedringhaus for info ([robertnstl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertnstl@sbcglobal.net) or 314-569-0971).

**Sept. 10 “Kickoff Sunday”** This year, instead of our usual ministry fair, we will highlight three new ministries at Holy Communion. The Rev. Hope Jernagen, director of Magdalen House will be with us, as we bless the house for their use. We will also have displays for Laundry Love and Godly Play will host an open house in their new classroom. Don’t miss “Kickoff Sunday” September 10.

**Godly Play begins Sept. 17 (9:15am)** Children are spiritual. They have incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning out of the biblical stories they hear. In Godly Play, children explore and develop their relationship with God using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action. Registration is not required; simply bring your child to the downstairs classroom on Sunday at 9:15am. For more info, email Heidi Olliff, Children’s Ministry Consultant: [hmolliff@holychommunion.net](mailto:hmolliff@holychommunion.net).

**Holy Communion Choir** The Choir sings at the 10:30 service during the program year. Our weekly rehearsals will resume Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7:15pm in the Choir Room; our first Sunday singing will be September 10. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Mary Chapman at [mchapman@holychommunion.net](mailto:mchapman@holychommunion.net). We’d love to have you sing with us!

**Register for Pilgrimage Classes** Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? To Christianity? Are you just looking to know more about the tradition? Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but is open to all who are exploring. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, following the 10:30am Service. We will begin with lunch at 12:15pm and finish by 2:15p. For more information and to register, visit our website at [holychommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/](http://holychommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/).