



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 + 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 488

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

BCP 756

The Second Lesson:

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those

who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Holy Gospel:

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Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Homily

Rev. Mark Lafler

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer 1

BCP 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Communion

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Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

The Procession into the World

Hymn 376



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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 + 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church

This is Amazing Grace

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Gloria

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The Sequence

Thy Word

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The Homily

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The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Alleluia

The Doxology

Sacrifice of Praise

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

The Communion

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Communion Hymn

I Know a Name

Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

The Procession into the World

Everlasting God

St. Edward's Episcopal Church

September 13, 2026

WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. The Holy Eucharist is called the Lord's Supper, Holy



Communion, the Mass, and the Great Offering. The outward and visible sign in the Eucharist is bread and wine. The inward and spiritual grace in the Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people, and received by faith. The benefits we receive are the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KNITTING GROUP will meet on Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in Hartridge Hall.

OUR PRESCHOOL will host an event at the New Chick-fil-a. Please join us. A portion of the cost of your meal will support the school. Just say the "Preschool" when you purchase your meal.

HOLY EUCHARIST will be celebrated at the chapel at Waterman Village on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION (ABC) will begin on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. We will be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The Kid's Bible Class will also begin in the Shipes House at 6:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays (September 19th and September 26th). Learn about our faith in Jesus, our church history and the way we worship. Sign up in the narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday EYC-12:00 noon
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday Knitting Group-10:00 am
Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
Preschool Fund Raising Event-5:00 pm
Wednesday Preschool Chapel-10:25 am
Holy Eucharist @ Waterman Village-11 am
Adult Bible Conversation-6:30 pm
Kid's Bible Conversation-6:30 pm
Thursday Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
Saturday Confirmation Class-9:00 am

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Helen Cadwallader 09/18 Mary Jo Flanagan 09/18
George Goneau 09/19

ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Richard and Jackie Castiglione 09/16/2000

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

David Edgerton	09/13	Kathleen Beal	09/13
William Daniel	09/13	David Burr	09/14
Harold Atkins	09/15	Ivy Jones	09/15
Priscilla Ball	09/15	Sybil Nickerson	09/15
Inez McNabb	09/16	Beatrice Palmer	09/17

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S.	Greg A.	Barbara G.	Bob	Ellen D.	Brandi	Cale
Joel						
Hannah L.	Mickey M.	MJ S.	Sally C.	Linda F.	Howie C.	Patty S.
Sandra P.						

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Hunter Penley
Trevor Orr	Andrew Seley	Christian Reeves
Will McKinney		

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Bartow
Episcopal Church of St. Mary, Belleview
For our parish members Rev. Mark, Tera, Madeline,
Hope, Mallory and Theodore Lafler

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Randall Sluder	Harry Hackney
Second Reading	Tré Conrader	Jacob Bloder
LEM 1	Randall Sluder	Michael Viel
LEM 2	Tré Conrader	Gloria Vest
Ushers	Russ Hammer	James Cartlidge
	Cynthia Hammer	Catherine Bayer
Altar Guild	Phyllis Kennedy	Tera Lafler
		Rita Oleson
Flowers	Sandy Potter	
Screens	Jerry Marsh	Trinity Viel
Video	Madeline Lafler	
Nursery	Johna Metcalf and Madeline Lafler	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Steward: Walter Burkhalter