St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska
"A Harbor for God's Love"
Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.



The Mission of the Church:
The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

Welcome visitors. Take time to sign the guest book in the narthex and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska Dave Muldoon~ Officiant

Liturgy of the Word

Officiant welcomes the congregation and announces the Opening Hymn.

Please stand as able Please Open the Blue Hymnal to Hymn 390 for the Opening Hymn

OPENING HYMN

(H390)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel or stand as able,

The Officiant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Officiant and People together say

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.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Officiant says

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*.

SONG OF PRAISE

 $The following \ is \ said, \ all \ standing \ as \ able$

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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*.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Barbara Learmonth The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 113

Jo Schoeppe

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

²Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

⁷He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

⁸He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Rob Smith

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

(H 676)

Sometimes I feel discouraged (Balm in Gilead)

All stand.



GOSPEL:

Luke 16:1-13

Dave Muldoon

Congregation may be seated for Gospel Reading

Officiant

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

¹Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

SERMON

Dave Muldoon

NICENE CREED

All stand as able

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*.

Prayers of the People: Form III

Brita Rice

All remain standing as able.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for:
Murray, Johnny, Christine & Family, Evans, Mary & Stan,
Marilyn, Chris, Jeannie, Caroline, Laurie, Tamira, Joyce,
Heather, Missy & family, Fred, Sara & family, Henry, Sharon &
family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Linda,
Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine,
John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Linda,
Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Cyndy, Anne, Aaron &
Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan,
Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence;
all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S:
Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live
with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for
those who love and care for them.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Peace

All stand as able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says

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

Today's loose offering goes to The General Fund

The Officiant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN

(H488)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane)



The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology (a hymn of praise)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer all stand, as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion

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Together, the Officiant and People say

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 our selves 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.

The Officiant continues

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

People and Officiant

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.

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Rob and Jo

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Officiant says Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach project for September: JYC Back to School Packs For more information see notice on bulletin board in entry or talk to Carla

Dan and Stephanie will be on a trip September 16 – October 20

Brita will be covering Stephanie's duties with the music... **Rob** will be doing all things with the bulletin...creating, printing, and if you want to add people to the Prayers of the People contact Rob on any Sunday at Church or use request slips in narthex and put in Dan's cubby (bottom left) in Adams Hall.

Carla will be covering all things having to do with the office and building

Please stand as able Please Open the Blue Hymnal to Hymn 368 for the Closing Hymn

CLOSING HYMN

(H368)

Holy Father, great Creator (Regent Square)

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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A Note on Today's Readings

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Welcome to our worship service today. In the liturgy, the spiritual and the material are joined in Holy Communion. This reflects the Christian concern with both matter and spirit. We cannot be faithful to the gospel if we limit our values to either one alone. Today's gospel reading about the unjust steward makes the point that how we use our material wealth is directly related to our relationship with God. If a "worldly" person like the steward uses money to secure friends, how much more should we, the children of God, use our material wealth to gain favor with God and our fellow human beings.

The first reading from Jeremiah reveals how the message of God rejecting the kingdom of Judah pained him. The prophet laments the state of his people even though he knows that their suffering is a result of their own choice to reject their God and their refusal to repent.

Today we continue the series of readings from the first epistle to Timothy. These letters, written after Paul's death by his followers, give practical advice to Christian communities about church life. The church is to be an intercessory body of people who, through their prayer for all persons (even the emperor, their enemy), are the means of bringing about God's salvation.

God's love is for all of creation and we are called in both liturgical worship and daily living to be God's instrument in bringing everything and everyone into God's Kingdom.

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September 7 ~ October 5 ~ 2025 Schedule

	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	October 5
Altar	Dan	Lori	Brita	Tonya	Lori
1st Reading	Stephanie	Rob	Brita	Dave	Jackie
Psalm	Brita	Dave	Jo	Barbara	Rob
2 nd Reading	Jo	Stephanie	Jackie	Rob	Brita
Gospel	Barbara	Michael	Dave	Jackie	Jo
Prayers of the People	Jackie	Barbara	Rob	Brita	Dave
Chalice Bearer	Rob & Jo	Dave & Barbara	Rob & Jo	Dave & Barbara	Rob & Dave
Worship Leader	Barbara	Michael	Dave	Jackie	Jo
Godly Play	Tonya, Michael, & Tamara				
Coffee Hour	Ingrid	Ingrid	Carla	Carol	Ingrid
Ushers	Jeff/Carol	Dave	Alec	Ingrid/Jo	Jeff/Carol