



“Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 19

The Holy Eucharist

Christ Church Episcopal
Reading, Pennsylvania

September 12, 2021

Services at 8:00 (spoken) and **10:15 am** (with music) followed by

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the black book in the pew racks

Service music (preceded by “S”) is located at the FRONT of The (blue) Hymnal 1982 (i.e. “S 280”)

Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

Organ Prelude:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Mark Hayes

Processional Hymn 522

Austria

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

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

Everyone: ***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.***

Glory to God: WLP 900

(Spoken only at 8:00 am; BCP Page 356)

Gloria in excelsis

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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

(Please be seated):

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens--
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

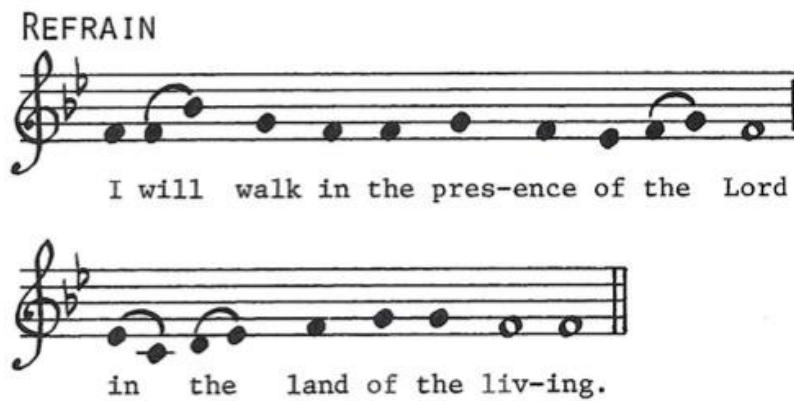
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm



Psalm 116: 1-8

Read responsively by half-verse at 8:00 service only

Dilexi, quoniam

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| 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * | |
| <i>because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.</i> | REFRAIN |
| 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * | |
| <i>I came to grief and sorrow.</i> | |
| 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * | |
| <i>"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."</i> | REFRAIN |
| 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * | |
| <i>our God is full of compassion.</i> | |
| 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; * | |
| <i>I was brought very low, and he helped me.</i> | REFRAIN |
| 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * | |
| <i>for the LORD has treated you well.</i> | |
| 7 For you have rescued my life from death, * | |
| <i>my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.</i> | REFRAIN |
| 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * | |
| <i>in the land of the living.</i> | REFRAIN |

The Epistle

(Please remain seated):

James 3:1-12

A Reading from The Letter of James:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Anthem:

Day By Day

Martin How

*Day by day,
dear Lord, of thee three things I pray.
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly,
day by day.*

The Gospel

*All please **stand** as the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:*

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark:

*People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Dolores Smith

The Nicene Creed

*(Said by all. Please **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.***

The Prayers of the People

(Please remain standing or kneel)

Celebrant or Deacon:

The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and empowers us to pray. In the love of the Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

Deacon or Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For this parish family of Christ Church, Reading, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For the justice and peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence and love of God.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For Michael, our presiding Bishop; Kevin, our Bishop; Dolores, our interim Priest; Jack, our retired Bishop; Midge, our Deacon; Michael, our Postulant for Holy Orders; Alan, Pastor of our Covenant Partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and all who minister in Christ for the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, and all who are elected to represent them in government.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed and the refugees, travelers and prisoners, and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially Virginia & Hesper Sillhart, Dolores Costa, and Dorothy Chiarchiaro.

[Additional names may be spoken aloud by the people].

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially:

[Names are read from the prayer list; additional names may be spoken aloud by the people].

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:
John Hyneman (9/12), Debbie Pearson (9/14), Jessica Helwig (9/15), Priscilla Hirschenhofer (9/15)
Susan Wallace (9/15) Elizabeth Williams (9/15) and Dominic Arguelles (9/18).
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Remembering Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant:
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you transform our lives and make us new: Hear our prayers, which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:
**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 priest stands and says:

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Celebrant, Ministers and People may acknowledge one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS 31 (Please see insert) William J. Kirkpatrick

Hymn at the Presentation: 380 (vs. 3) Old 100th

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Adapted from *Enriching Our Worship*)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You fill us and all creation with your blessing and feed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: **Hymn S 127**

(Spoken only at 8:00 am)

Sanctus

<p>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p>

The Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave to his friends, and said: “*Take eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “*Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.*”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen

Amen S 146

McNeil Robinson

The Celebrant sings: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Hymn S 148

The Lord’s Prayer

The Celebrant says: And now, as our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant: (Spoken only at 8:00 am)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. (A period of silence is kept.) Then may be said (8:00) or sung S163:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem: S 164

Agnus Dei

The Celebrant then says:
We lift the Bread and raise the Cup.
May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.

The Communion of the People

(The priest will distribute wafers and you may receive wine cups if you did not bring your own.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament

(For those who do not wish to receive the physical elements)

Celebrant and People:

Lord Jesus Christ,

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 525

Aurelia

Blessing and Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Everyone: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude:

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

Elgar/Transcribed Gouin

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. Dolores Smith

Organist: Conrad Smith

Lectors: (8:00) Rick Wolf

Prayers of the People: (8:00) Rick Wolf

Ushers: (8:00): Terry Rowles, Chris Spohn

Altar Guild Team: Victoria Wilson *Captain*, Vicky Guthrie, Janet Koller, Sabra Lantz, Sally Wilcox

Choirmaster: James K. Wilson

Cantors: James Wilson, Victoria Wilson

(10:15) Joann Hyneman

(10:15) Charlotte Hoare

(10:15) Andrea Griffith, Susan Doll, Wayne Fanning

Altar Candle Memorials for September are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Paul & Alice Swain and Arthur & Mary Hoare by Stephen & Charlotte Hoare;

Lois Feick by David & Judy Feick; and

In Thanksgiving for **blessings received** by Susan Frankowski.

Altar Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Virginia & Hesper Sillhart;

From their children, *Glenn & Judy Sillhart*

Lectern Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Dolores Costa and Dorothy Chiarchiaro,

who perished in the attack of the World Trade Center on **9/11/01**;

From *Frank & Mary Arguelles*

Pulpit Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Celebration of:

Cliff Buckwalter,

whose birthday was yesterday on September 11

From his wife, Anita Powell.

Coffee Hour

Un-sponsored today

There are several open Sundays coming up; *please consider signing up (or joining with others)* for this very important ministry of fellowship. Sign-up sheet is posted near the Parish Hall kitchen. Thank you.

Saturday ad sponsors are needed: This week's ad was also *un-sponsored*. Please consider supporting this ministry (for \$25/ad). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Parish Hall.



Anyone interested in sponsoring (or sharing)
Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar
Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @
610-375-7925.
Thank you!

FALL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 2021

After a year unlike any other, the Fall Festival of the Arts returns to Reading for its 36th year this September. Join us for three weekends of unforgettable music, stunning visual arts, and incredible theatrical performances.

Eric Plutz, Organ Concert

Friday, September 10	Christ Church	7:30- PM	Reading
<u>Sunday, September 12</u>	<u>Grace Lutheran</u>	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>Lancaster</u>

TODAY!

Free will offering

The Amish Project by Jessica Dickey

Theatrical Performance- WCR Center for the Arts, Reading

Friday, September 17 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 18 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 19 3:00 PM

Tickets: \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Students

Robert Pepper, Visual Artist

On Display September 19 - 26 Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

Visit FallFestivaloftheArts.org for gallery hours

Opening Reception: September 19@ 1:00 PM

Gallery Talk: September 23 @7:30 PM

Free Admission

Opportunity House Dinner

will be hosted by the *Altar Guild and 50+ Club*

October 9, 2021

At this point, we are continuing to drop off the food rather than serving it.

However, the shelter's Volunteer Coordinators are very grateful for our unwavering support over the recent months and over the years.

If anyone would like to help us in this valuable service to the community, please contact Vickie Wilson, Meals Coordinator, Charlotte Hoare, or Mary Arguelles (Ministry Chairs)

Worship Opportunities

Sunday Services (held in-person at the church):

8:00 am (spoken):

Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

9:15 am

Rise and Shine for Young Families, (please note the time change)

10:15 am (with music) and Livestreamed on Facebook. Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Please, if you so choose, prepare a small piece of bread or cracker for each person in your home, and a small portion of wine or juice in a cup for each person as well, for the time of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion in Christ.

Weekday Services

Zoom Bible Study on Wednesdays at 8 am

Zoom Centering Prayer sessions on Thursdays at 8:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer on Thursdays at **11:00 am** @ at Red Bridge Park: PLEASE NOTE the time change.
(led by David Emes, Diocesan Licensed Worship Leader)

Spanish remote Holy Eucharist *will not be held until further notice.*

You can still watch the stream without an account. Learn how to do that below:

<https://diobeth.org/how-to-view-facebook-livestreams-without-an-account>

For all the zoom programs, kindly email the church office to ask for an email invite:

officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org for any specific zoom program we offer.

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It's easy to join our mailing list! Just send your email address by text message:

Text **BELLS** to 42828 to get started. *(Message and data rates may apply.)*

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

Closed Friday

(610) 374-8269

Ext. **221** for the Office Receptionist, **Runette Gabrielle** (Tuesday) or **Kim Wagner** (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

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The Christ Church Mission:

Sharing God's Love With All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-blasts and newsletters.

Centering Prayer (Mindfulness Meditation)

- 1) Choose a sacred word or image as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
- 2) Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word or image.
- 3) When engaged with thoughts, return to the sacred word or image.
- 4) At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

Sacred Ground Discussion Series

The Sacred Ground discussion series is definitely coming to Christ Church this fall! So far, we have a core group of participants and leaders planning to meet every other week beginning in September. We would love to add to this group and/or start a second group to meet at the participants' convenience.

Please read below and contact **Cynthia Pipkin at 610 451-3526** or capsew59@comcast.net if interested.

- Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.
- The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.
- Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.
- Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.
- It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story.
- It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing.

The dialogue series developer and author is Katrina Browne, producer/director of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. Browne is a lifelong Episcopalian who is dedicated to racial justice and healing. Browne engaged a diverse group of advisors and reviewers to guide the process

[Read more at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/)

Jesus

