

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

Prelude: Of The Father's Love Begotten

The Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn #435, v. 1 & 5
Ralph Vaughn Williams

At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due

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ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
9 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
13 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
let his will en - fold you in its light and power.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Deacon/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Celebrant: The Rev. Jude Lyons*

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Reader: Darryl Tillman

Psalm 25:1-8, *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All 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

Reader: Jayne Bray

The People join in reading the words in bold.

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher, to model for us the way of love.

O God, we pray that your universal presence helps all nations and races in the transforming work of peace. Let all cultures and religions serve you in harmony and in mutual respect. Let us pray; **heal us and help us to serve you.**

O God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices. Bless all civil and religious leaders with your Spirit of compassionate authority and grant them wisdom in the exercise of their duties. Be manifested in these election proceedings. Let us pray; **help us to hear and know your voice.**

O God, encourage and protect those in our armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen them to serve with honor. Let us pray; **help us to seek your strength and justice.**

O God, hear our prayers for this parish family as we appreciate our blessings, birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events. Inspire us to be of one heart and mind. Let us pray; **unite us in our care of others and ourselves.**

O God, help us to remember those who alone and those who are broken in body or spirit. We pray for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in desperate need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud).* Let us pray; **help us to heal and support in your name.**

O God, we pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, injustice, gun violence, abuse or prejudice of any kind, and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters, fires and floods. We pray for the healing of those suffering from the coronavirus and those ministering to them. Let us pray, **protect us with your powerful presence and peace**

O God, your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and by your call we enter Eternal Life. We pray for all whom we love and see no longer, especially Margaret Connick Coe, mother of Ginger Bredesen, and those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud).* Let us pray; **bless us with faith and hope to live for you all the days of our lives.**

Silence

Celebrant: O Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of relationships, for the patience to allow your transforming love to change us and uplift us. As you show us the way to love, we ask for the power of healing peace that we may become reconciled to one another and to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

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

All **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 Absolution

✠ Celebrant 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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health

William Byrd

*I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
And Thy judgements shall help me.*

Chamber Choir:

Jill Lynch, Alyson Witherspoon, Cheryl Graue, Kirsten Goulde, Susan Tsuji, Jim Donahue, Dean Hanley, Mark Bennett

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say,

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People join in reading the text in bold.

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 in 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.



All Amen

The Closing Hymn

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Hymn #477, v. 1 & 4

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, — didst yield the
Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou — art high ex -

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glo - ry that of right was thine, — that in our dark - ened hearts thy
alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, — and given the Name to which all

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grace might shine. — Al - le - lu - ia!
knees shall bow. —

Postlude: Awaken

Anderson/Howe (arr. Knight)