

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



Please wear a mask and please do not move the chairs.

**Welcome**

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Ar hyd y nos, arr. T. Keesecker*

*Celebrant  
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 379 God is Love

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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.**

## The Lessons

### A reading from Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



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## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / Lord,\*  
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither;\*  
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked;\*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows a / way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes,\*  
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

**A reading from James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful**

*Finnian*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
 Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Joe Robinson

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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 human. 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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Allan and Gayle our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

**Hear our prayers for the church.**

*Silence*

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

**Hear our prayers for the world.**

*Silence*

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

*Silence*

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

*Silence*

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

For the special needs and concerns, including: For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially Robert Blanchet, Marcia Galazzi, Harry Pike, Donna, Jack, John, Lauren, Mike, Veronica and those we now name silently or aloud, that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

We invite you to add your own intercessions.

*(Please unmute to add your own prayers and then mute again.)*

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

*Silence*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We invite you to add your own intercessions.

*(Please unmute to add your own prayers and then mute again.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

We invite you to add your own intercessions.

*(Please unmute to add your own prayers and then mute again.)*

God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Silence*

## **Concluding Collects**

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Our Time and for the Earth*

Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share; Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect the wonders of creation. Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us and to know them as family. Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land and to hear and understand those who extract its resources. Give us new hearts to recognize



**The Great Thanksgiving**      *Eucharistic Prayer C*

*Celebrant:*      May God be with you.  
*People:*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People:*          **We lift them up to God.**  
*Celebrant:*      Let us give thanks to God.  
*People:*          **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

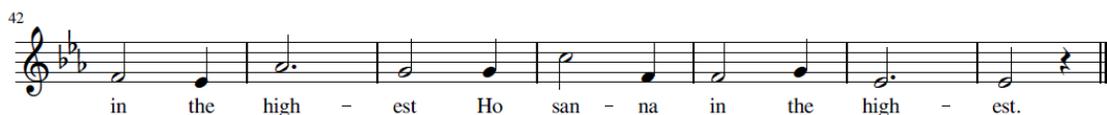
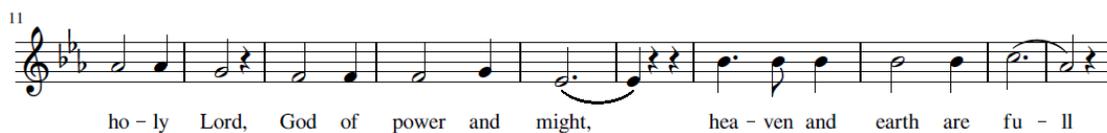
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus S-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, *“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, *“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion

make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.  
**Risen God, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Hymn S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us Je - sus bear - er

of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re deem - er of the

world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

*\*For Communion Instructions, please see the last page of the bulletin.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 477 All praise to thee**  
*(see page 13)*

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Hymn 477 All praise to thee

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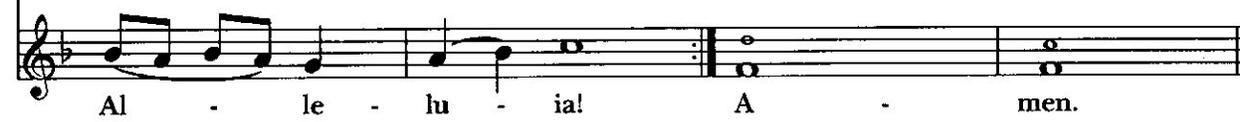
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_



**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Steurlein, arr. Sanborn

*Celebrant*

The Rev. Gail Smith

*Preacher*

The Rev. Joe Robinson

*Pianist*

Joan Kirchner

*Readers/Intercessors*

Chris Crighton, Dick Keoppen, Fay and Ike Cole

*Ushers*

Mary Anne and Don Bragdon

The new directives from our Bishops regarding re-gathering assume some special care be taken for the distribution of the sacrament. Please join us in honoring these directives to keep each other safe and our church able to meet for worship.

At Communion:

After the Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction anthem, those present but not receiving and those attending by Zoom will be led by the celebrant in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, during which the choir will move from the dais to the altar for communion offered at two stations. As they finish, ushers will instruct members of the congregation when to approach the altar. Please go to the station on your side of the center aisle remaining masked, and allow the priest to place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand. Then, once returned to your seat, please remove your mask to receive the bread then replace it as we wait for others to receive communion. Once all have received, please stand as the celebrant instructs all to join in saying the Post-Communion prayer.

Thank you for being a part of today's service. It represents one more step toward normal gathering in our parish's life.

God's blessings,  
Joe+ and Gail+

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