

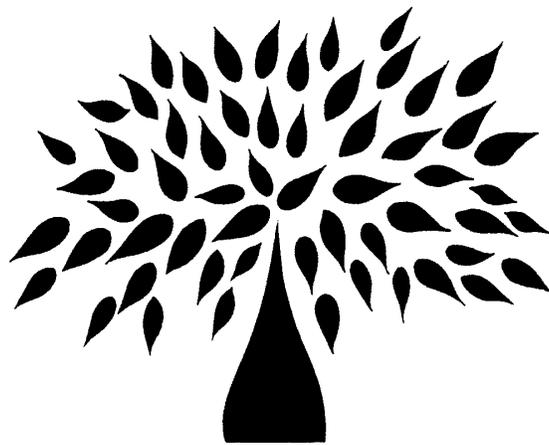
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

Proper 22

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



INCREASE  
OUR  
FAITH

The Word of God

**Prelude**

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

# Opening Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

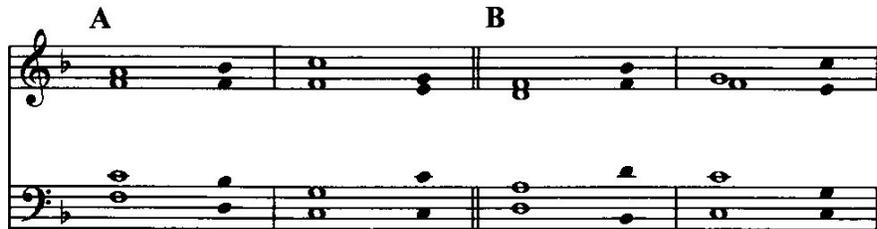
## The Lessons

### A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

### Psalm 37:1-10 (sung by all)



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evil/does; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do / wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the / grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade a/way.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do / good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its / riches.
- 4 Take delight in the / Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's de/sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your / trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to / pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the / light \*  
and your just dealing as the / noonday.
- 7 Be still before the / Lord \*  
and wait patiently for / him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who / prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil / schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage a/lone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to / evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut / off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the / land.

## A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God -- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 312 Strengthen for service

*Malabar*



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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

### **Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend 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.**

## **Prayers of the People on St. Francis' Day**

For the artistry of spinning Spiders, the industry of Ants, for all alert animals of field and forest, for Squirrels that gather, Chipmunks that chatter, and for Mice that burrow.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the splendor of the great deep and sparkling streams, for Water Bugs and Dolphins, for all Fish and all sea-life, and for the sheer size of Whales.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For all things that fly and have taught us to reach upward, for Pelicans and Parakeets, Barn Owls and Peacocks, for Eagles that soar, and for Birds that nest in eaves and attics, reminding us that we are not alone.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For beasts that lumber, for Elephants and Hippos, Grizzly Bears and Tortoises, Porcupines and Three-toed Sloths, and for all creatures that remind us not to hurry.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For graceful beasts, for the Great Cats, for Gazelle, for Giraffe, and for Flamingos, Fox, and Fawns.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the animals that work for human good, for Horses, Oxen, Mules, and beasts of burden, for Dogs who lead the blind and track the lost.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the animals that share our homes, for faithful Dogs and purring Cats, and all creatures that teach us to love without judgement, for Hamsters, Birds, assorted Reptiles, and Rabbits.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Give us grace to learn from the animal kingdom that you created all things, that we might work together for a truly common good.

**Hear us, O Lord.**

Deliver us from the presumption that we are creation's central act, remind us who are redeemed by a Cross, that these your animals are redeemed by an Ark of your grace.

**Hear us, O Lord.**

Make of us proper stewards of all creation, that caring for your creatures and for their homes, we may come at last to that Peaceable Kingdom where Lion and Lamb lie down together.

**Hear us, O Lord.**

O God, creator of all things, we remember before you today your servant Francis, who preached to Birds and gave his cloak to a Beggar. Give us the grace of Francis, that we may be instruments of your peace. Give us generous spirits, that we, with reckless and joyful abandon, may sow your truth throughout the world.

Give us the mind of Christ, that we may accept all who call upon your name, that Birds and Beggars and all creation may all be drawn into that kingdom, which lives forever in your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God of all creation you have made us stewards of this fragile earth and responsible guardians for all its creatures. We thank you for the blessing of animal friends and companions.**

**Send your blessing upon these animal friends of ours. May we be good caretakers and friends to them. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

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.**

### **Concluding Collects**

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of lay and ordained leadership in the church. Prepare us for the joyful work of welcoming Patrick and Roger into our life. Guide and guard us as we grow together, awaken our imaginations to your future, and let the way of love be the way of life in this parish and across your church. Through Christ who redeems and reunites us we pray. **Amen.**

**Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*People*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

Text: For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.* For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.* For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.* For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven; *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*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 our eternal God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

God who moves in light and love and life:  
From before time you have nurtured this creation  
as a loving parent cares for a beloved child.

You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty,  
provide for its every need.  
In your good time you brought us forth from the world,  
created in your image.

You made us stewards of this good earth  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.  
Then, as now, you spoke your love  
in many different languages, so that all might hear.

You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart  
as a blessing to all people, and from them,  
again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all,  
the eternal Word, Jesus, who would give his life for those he loved  
in hopes of bringing them new life.

And, singing with the whole company of heaven,  
we join those from every time and tongue and tribe  
who proclaim the glory of your name:

### Sanctus S-129

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us,  
healed, cured, and calmed,  
and challenged the authorities of this world  
to be faithful stewards of your people and messengers of your love.

On the night he was taken captive  
by powers and principalities,  
Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.

And so, we offer you these gifts.  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be,  
for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who,  
on the night before he died for us, took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:  
*“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper, 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 a 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.”*

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

*People*

**We remember His death,  
We proclaim His resurrection,  
We await His coming in glory.**

*Celebrant*

And we celebrate, O God,  
this memorial of Christ our Savior.  
With holy bread and cup,  
we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and we proclaim  
His resurrection, until He comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion,  
and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ,  
bless us also to become Christ's Body in the world.

Knit together in your love,  
and so made one in your eternal purpose,  
we offer and present to you, O God,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and for ever. **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-155 Christ Our Passover

Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. Awaiting in hope, we know 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.**

Communion Hymn 407 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

Lukkason



1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be  
 2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the  
 3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the  
 4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,  
 5 (By mo - ther) earth my Lord be praised; gov - erned by  
 6 (My Lord be) praised by those who prove in free for -  
 7 (For death our) sis - ter, prais - ed be, from whom no  
 8 (Most High, om) - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be



1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.  
 2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor.  
 3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.  
 4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire; \_\_\_\_  
 5 thee she hath up - raised what for our life is need - ful.  
 6 giv - ing - ness their love, nor shrink from trib - u - la - tion.  
 7 one a - live can flee. Woe to the un - pre - par - ed!  
 8 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is  
 2 with bright - ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -  
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers  
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to  
 5 Sus - tained by thee, through ev - ery hour, she bring - eth  
 6 Hap - py, who peace - a - bly en - dure; with thee, Lord,  
 7 But blest be they who do thy will and fol - low  
 8 Let crea - tures all give thanks to thee, and serve in



1 wor - thy thee to name.	2 My Lord be
2 fies thy bound - less sway.	3 My Lord be
3 all, re - peat the psalm.	4 By sis - ter
4 light - en all the night.	5 By mo - ther
5 forth fruit, herb, and flower.	6 My Lord be
6 their re - ward is sure.	7 For death our
7 thy com - mand - ments still.	8 Most High, om -
8 great hu - mil - i - (ty.)	

## **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.**

**Closing Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God**

*Forest Green*

*(See page 14)*

Closing Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God

*Forest Green*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Joe Robinson

*Music Director*

Joan Kirchner

*Eucharistic Ministers*

Meg Nemitz, Sue Sasso

*Readers*

Tom Dewing, Nancy Boccia, Doug Fromm

*Ushers*

Jan Roberts, Phil Suraci

*Altar Guild*

Barbara Wahlquist

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