

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 - 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

Preacher - The Reverend Robert Courtney, *Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Face masks are required. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube. Those seated in the front of the nave may briefly appear on camera.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #408 - Sing praise to God who reigns above..... *Mit Freuden zart*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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


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

COLLECT FOR PURITY


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 *Gloria in excelsis*


1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and


peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-


might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we


praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,


on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you


take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;


5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON ~ Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

The choir sings

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

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| <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
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.

Setting: Gerre Hancock

THE SECOND LESSON - James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

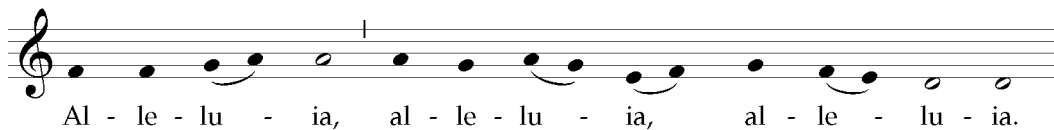
Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



- V. The commandments of the Lord are sure;
they stand fast for ever and ever. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI

Prayer Book, Page 392

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 393

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God, Return, O holy dove, return, So shall my walk be close with God,
A calm and heavenly frame; Sweet messenger of rest; Calm and serene my frame;
A light to shine upon the road I hate the sins that made thee mourn, So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb! And drove thee from my breast. That leads me to the Lamb.

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, Page 361

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

Prayer Book, Page 362

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(said by all)*

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Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat.

HYMN #448 - O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #470 - There's a wideness in God's mercy *Beecher*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Mass

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to the clergy and people of St. Paul's Church as they recover from damage to their property during hurricane Ida.

Christian Formation begins next Sunday.

Children (ages 5 through 12) will gather Sunday mornings beginning at 9:55 am and return to their parents in church in time for communion. Getting to know Jesus through Bible stories, discussion, videos, and other activities.

High School and Middle School age Youth will gather on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service for time to build and strengthen their faith to face the challenges of their life through scripture study, insightful videos and sharing their understandings and fellowship.

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Explore the Way of Love: GO

As we discover the Way of Love and the practices through which we can follow Jesus more closely, we realize that Jesus did not stay in one place very often.

The pursuit of Jesus can often mean moving out of our circles of comfort and going to other places – geographically, culturally, economically, spiritually. Because if there is one thing Jesus did, it is that he went – out of his home, out of his town, out of his community - to engage with other cultures and people, to listen and dignify their stories, no matter their culture or station in life.

Jesus was a listener and witness to outcasts and sinners, drinkers and tax collectors, strangers and foreigners, the rich and the poor. He uplifted women who were considered unequal to men. He dignified people of other faiths or no faith at all, and showed them the values of the Kingdom of God, through his teaching, through his healing, through his listening, and through his meeting them where they were and putting love into action.

The Scriptures teach us that it is also our mission to go out into the world. As the writer of John's Gospel quotes Jesus, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And as the first letter of John tells us, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

Are you ready to make the commitment to go beyond your boundaries? To listen and talk, to love and serve, to use your gifts in the struggle for dignity and justice for your neighbor and for people who are outside your comfort zone?

Are you ready to challenge yourself to forge new friendships, open yourself up to new perspectives, and build bridges where once there were walls?

The Way of Love challenges us to Go.

As the writer of Hebrews tells us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We bless ourselves in the process.

Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Going at iam.ec/explore.



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SUNDAY

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10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

MONDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

THURSDAY

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12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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