

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 27, 2020



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

## OPENING IMPROVISATION

## OPENING HYMN

Come, thou Fount of every blessing

LEVAS 111

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at  
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of  
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Officiant* 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

O God of all who wander in the wilderness, you go before us as beacon and guide. Lead us through all danger, sustain us through all desolation, and bring us home to the land you have prepared for us; through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us,  
we will not hide from our children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,  
who has done wonderful works.
- 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,  
13 splitting open the sea and letting them pass through,  
making the waters stand up like walls;  
14 leading them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with the glow of fire;  
15 splitting hard rocks in the wilderness,  
and giving them drink as from the great deep;  
16 bringing streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushing out like rivers.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

*Lector* A reading from Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name

that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 questions: 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 school 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.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he

went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw that had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

### NICENE CREED

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*Officiant* As God’s people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*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.**

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David, our priests; Chip our deacon; and for all who seek and serve you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

*Silence*

*People* God of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of this 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.

*Silence*

*People* God of freedom,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* 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. We pray especially for those affected by wildfires, hurricanes, and climate change. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that all may live in safety, beauty, and abundance.

*Silence*

*People* God of justice,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* 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.

*Silence*

*People* God of peace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of joy, we celebrate with all those who have birthdays this week, including *Kate Keenan, Kathryn Lincoln, Desmond Jones, Rosemary Esse, Evelyn Sanom, Terry Lloyd, Bill Peck, Jim Treece*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* God of joy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* 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. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Chris Beck, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Vincent Faust, Anna Herold, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Keils, Philip Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Betty Locke, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shabby, Len St. Jean, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White*, and those we now name. (*Add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* God of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* 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, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. We pray especially for those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

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*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.  
We have desired to live in freedom,  
    while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
    while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,  
    or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
    while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.**



**Forgive us, Holy God.**

**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**

**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,  
now and for ever.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## **VESTRY GREETING**

## **OFFERTORY**

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## **MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.

Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

## **PRESENTATION HYMN**

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*  
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **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. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \* 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \* 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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## DISMISSAL

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

## **ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC**

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