

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021, 10:15 am

You are very welcome to our Eucharist Service!
The entire service is printed below;
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.
You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.

Prelude

Announcements

All stand and join in singing,

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #390

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

Presider: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gloria

The Hymnal 1982 #S-280



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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

The People are seated for the lessons.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A reading from the Letter of James.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #414

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I
2 Honor great our God befitting; who his majesty
3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and
5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger,

saints a-dore: King su-preme shall they con-fess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad-dress-ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans-mit-teth,
 3 great-ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto-ry,
 4 mer-cy wrought, works of love sur-pass-ing mea-sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre-a-tion;

and pro-claim thy sov-ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro-claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won-der tell.
 4 works of mer-cy pass-ing thought.
 5 all his works his good-ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore:
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

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The People stand as they are able for the Gospel,

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,

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.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Canon Michael Spencer

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

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Skip our Assisting Bishop, for Jerry, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen.

All stand or kneel as they are able.

The Confession & Absolution

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

"From the Rising of the Sun" (Ouseley)

The Holy Eucharist

All stand or kneel as they are able.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

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.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Priest: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: 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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows. Please make sure to stay at least six feet away from anyone not in your household and keep your mask on.

The Priest will distribute Communion wafers. Please keep your mask on as you approach then process to the left or right depending on where you are sitting. Please wait until you are far from the Priest and others before carefully removing your masks to partake of Communion. Please replace your mask as quickly as you are able.

All stand as they are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People, and the People respond,

People: **Amen.**

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

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

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

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;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

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.

The image shows a musical score for two parts, likely soprano and alto. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia!' is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bottom staff follows a similar pattern. Both parts conclude with 'A - men.' The score includes repeat signs and a double bar line at the end of each phrase.

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The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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