

September 27, 2020 10am

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Patrick McManus
Preaching: The Reverend Brian Suggs
Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Prelude:
Prelude on "We Love Thy Place, O God"
Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

Welcome:
Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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:

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

People: **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in
Scripture*

First Reading:
Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 471:
Let My People Seek Their Freedom
Tune: Omni Die

**“From the slave pens of the Delta,
From the ghettos on the Nile,
Let my people seek their freedom
In the wilderness awhile”:
So God spoke from out of Sinai,
So God spoke and it was done,
And the people crossed the waters
Toward the rising of the sun.**

**“From the aging shrines and structures,
From the cloister and the aisle,
Let my people seek their freedom
In the wilderness awhile”:
So the Son of God has spoken,
And the storm clouds are unfurled,
For his people must be scattered
To be servants in the world.**

**When we murmur on the mountains
For the old Egyptian plains,
When we miss our ancient bondage,
And the hope, the promise, wanes,
Then the rock shall yield its water
And the manna fall by night,
And with visions of a future
Shall we march toward the light.**

**In the maelstrom of the nations,
In the journeying into space,
In the clash of generations,**

**In the hungering for grace,
In our agony and glory,
We are called to newer ways
By the Lord of our tomorrows
And the God of earth's todays.**

~The Reverend Canon Dr. Herbert O'Driscoll (b. 1928)

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel:
Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospeller: 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 question; 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 second 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Please be seated.

Sermon:

The Reverend Brian Suggs

The Apostles' Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.

People: **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People:

*For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community,
the sick and those in need, for the departed,
and for the forgiveness of our sins.*

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most Merciful God,
People: **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 neighbours 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Peace:

*Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world,
we offer an exchange of peace with one another with words only.
As you are comfortable, you may use the live chat to say, "Peace be with you"
to those participating online.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Hymn 619:
Fairest Lord Jesus
Tune: Crusaders' Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human Son:
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
Who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty,
Heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
None can be nearer,
Fairer, or dearer
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

~Anonymous, Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Prayer over the Gifts:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before
you, and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Presider: It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour,
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Presider: Therefore we proclaim our hope.
People : **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider: Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread:

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Organ Interlude:

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

People: **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ
Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

Presider: Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

cf. 2 Thessalonians 3.16

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go forth in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

*in loving memory of Andy and Eleanor Cairns and Mary and Mike
Bahnuik, given by Ruth Cairns*

and

*in loving memory of Wilfred, Myrtle, Clayton, Edward and David Dyke,
given by Donna Firman (Dyke)*

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if you know of anyone who is ill
or otherwise in need of pastoral care.
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as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.*

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