CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

Loving God, the source of strength and peace: Take from us all that inhibits the flow of your Spirit; break down the walls that separate us; with hands of compassion, wash away our fear, resentment, and hardness of heart; enable us to become centered and still, aware of your presence here and now, to heal and to transform. We pray in the spirit of Christ the Healer. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "Holy Father, great Creator" Remain standing; everyone sings.

3 Ho - lv

Spi - rit,



- Lord of glo-ry, whom an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, Ho - lv Je sus, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion from a - bove.
- 4 God, the Lord, through ev ery na-tion let thy won-drous mer-cies shine.



Me - di - a - tor, clothe look up - on the us in his right - eous - ness; while we hear thy won-drous sto - rv, meet and wor - ship in thy Name. touch our hearts with sa - cred fire, ___ fill them with the Sa - vior's love. sal - va - tion ev - ery tongue and the song of thv race com - bine.



heaven-ly Fa - ther, heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior, hear and bless. Re-deem - er, dear Re-deem - er. dear in our hearts thy peace pro-claim. Source of com - fort, Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love. Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine. Great Je - ho - vah, great

> -Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843) Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Remain standing; everyone sings.



-Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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*.

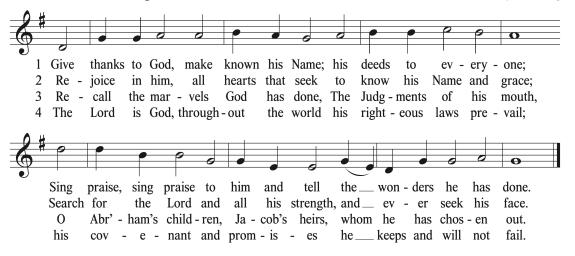
FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of Exodus (16:2–15).

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-8 "Give praise to God, make known his Name" Remain seated; everyone sings.



—Words: Christopher L. Webber (b. 1953), from A New Metrical Psalter Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

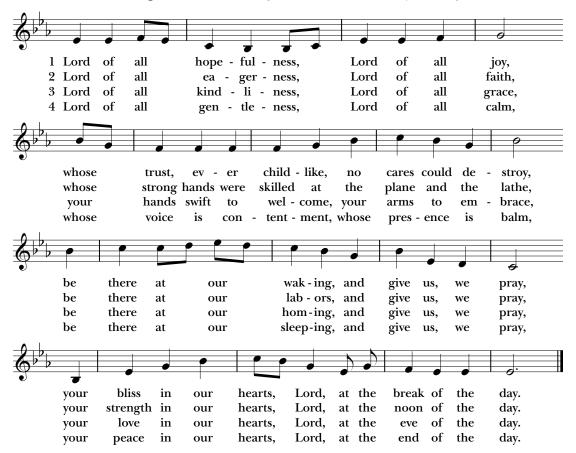
SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:21–30).

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Lord of all hopefulness" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953) Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1–16).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Erin Patrick and Katherine Smithwick for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



- 1 We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be,
- 2 We be-lieve that Je sus suf fered, scourged and scorned and cru ci fied;
- 3 We be-lieve in God's own Spir it, bond ing all the saints with in



Mak - er of the earth and heav-ens, keep - er of the sky and sea. tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died. one church catho-lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, in the bo - dy's res - sur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y, born to bring a - bun-dant life. then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save. gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: We remember in our prayers today the joys and concerns of this congregation:

those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners who have asked our prayers, and those we hold in

our hearts. We pray for:

ED Archer	DANA & DEWELL	LINDA Podbielski	LO Starck
ANNE Bender	Downey	BILL & MARCIA	ALISA Ternes
J.D. & PEGGY Bradley	KAREN Downing	Power	DENISE & ROGER
BEVERLY Burns	DOUG Embler	MARILYN Randall	Tibedo
PETER Calvert	JOE Harrison	KRISSA Randolph	ALICE & FRED
DAN Conrad	MARGE Hudson	NANCYE Reeder	Wegmann
GAIL Cox	ANN McClain	ALVIN Richards	MICHELLE Welsh and
MARY Davis	KENT Parish	TOM Schlitt	GRADY Williams
CONNIE & GEORGE	FISHER Patrick	SHAROLYN Sprigg	GRADI WIIIIAIIIS
DeWitt	ALLAN Philp	REBECCA Stapleton	

Leader: We pray for those who have died, and for their families and friends who grieve.

Leader: Loving God, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich

in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, come

to you in prayer, saying: Lord, you are merciful.

Leader: We pray for people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour

from earthquake and fire, storm, and flood, from economic distress and social

disruption, from violence and war. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, you are merciful.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we together with all our

brothers and sisters in Christ, may be effective agents of social transformation

and reliable messengers of hope. Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, you are merciful.

Leader: We pray for our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force

for peace rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent

of friendship, rather that enmity. Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, you are merciful.

Leader: We pray for our own community, especially for those among us who are

dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life.

Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, you are merciful.

Leader: We pray for ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who

rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our

own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense. Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, you are merciful.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Loving God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy;

yet Christ has embraced us and called us to share in his labors for the salvation of every creature under heaven. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done,

and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the same Christ our Lord.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

Ave Verum Corpus

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine

Hail, true body! born of the Virgin Mary

Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine

who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,

Cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine.

from whose pierced side flowed water and blood.

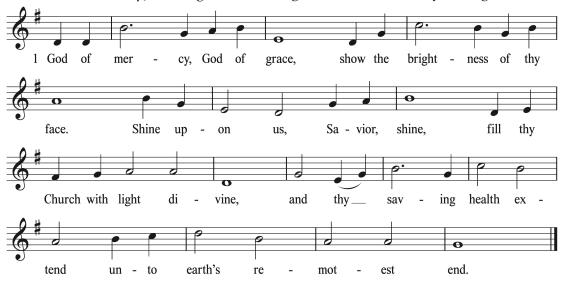
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine,

May it be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet] in the trial of death,

O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariæ,

O merciful one, O tender one, O sweetest Jesus, son of Mary.

—Words: Attr. Pope Innocent VI, 14th cent. Music: Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934) HYMN "God of mercy, God of grace" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: Lucerna Laudoniae, David Evans (1874-1948)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

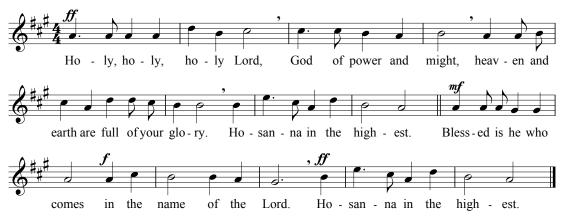
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For through your Son Jesus Christ you have forgiven us a debt that we could not pay, and you have called us as your children, brothers and sisters of one another, to forgive each other, and to live together as a faithful people, dependent on and giving of your grace. 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:

Everyone sings:



-Setting: Jonathan A. Tuuk, from Mass in Honor of St. Andrew

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, All:

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.

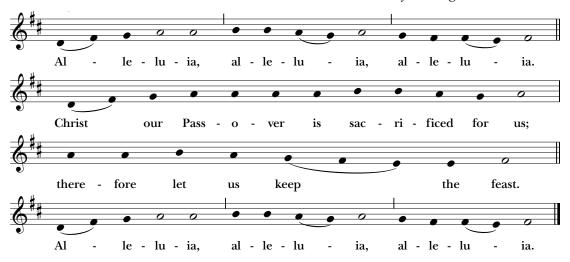
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



-Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" Everyone sings.



-Words: James Montgomery, (1711–1854), alt.

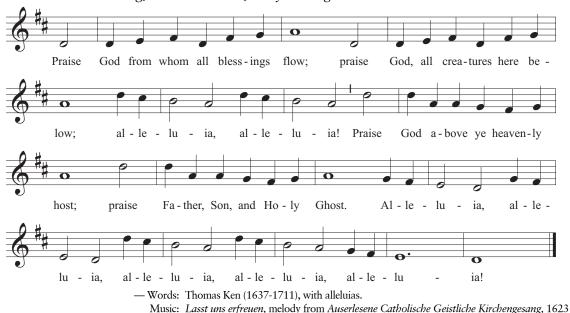
Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes

HYMN "The Blue Green Hills of Earth" Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.



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DOXOLOGY Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING Remain standing.

HYMN "We all are one in mission" Remain standing; everyone sings.



-Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody;

adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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