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 15, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

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

O gracious and holy God, gives us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Benedict of Nursia (480-543)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "Sing praise to God who reigns above" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Johann Jacob Schutz (1640)–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentile," 1529, adapt.

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

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

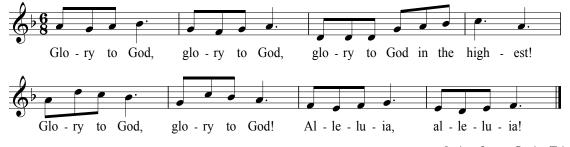
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 the refrain three times.



-Setting: Jacques Bertier, Taizé

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

O God, because without you are we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (7:26–8:1).

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, * a flawless mirror of God's activity, an image of divine goodness.

Though Wisdom is only one, *
she can accomplish everything;
remaining self-contained, *
she transforms all around her.

In every generation *
Wisdom enlightens holy souls,
making them friends of God, *
making them prophets.

For God loves nothing so much * as the person who lives with Wisdom.

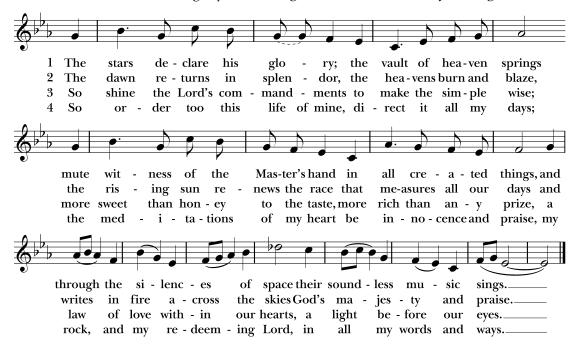
She is more radiant than the sun, * and outshines every constellation.

She excels daylight by far, for day is eclipsed by night; * but evil does not overshadow Wisdom.

She spans the earth from pole to pole * and orders all things well.

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

HYMN "The stars declare his glory" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); para. of Psalm 19.

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Music: Aldine, Richard Proulx (1937-2010). G.I.A. Publications Inc.

SECOND LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Letter of James (3:1–12).

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

HYMN "Lord, make us servants of your peace" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



— Words: James Quinn (b. 1919–2010), based on prayer attr. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Briston, Jr. (1923–1979)

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8:27–38).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

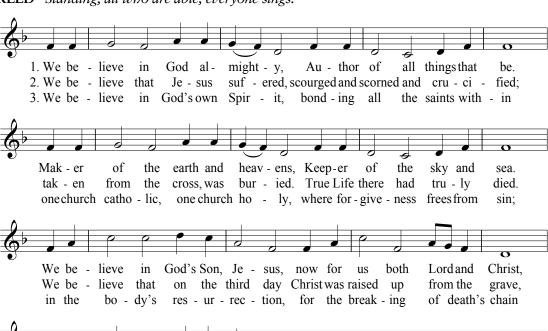
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann Backus for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time for silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun-dant life. then as cen - ded 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: Beach Spring, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: Jesus calls us to give our lives for others. That we may have the faith to live as

Jesus did, let us pray for all in need, saying, "Send us your Spirit, O Lord."

We lift up the joys and concerns of this congregation: those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those who cannot be with us this morning; 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:

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ALICE & CHIP Beets MARGE Hudson MARILYN Randall
JOANNE Calhoun FRANCIS Lloyd TOM Schlitt
DAVID Cazalet ELLEN LoCurto-Martinez LO Starck

GAIL Cox ANN McClain DENISE & ROGER Tibedo

LOIS & RON DearolfDON McConnellSAM VenableDANA & DEWELL DowneyMARCELLUS MitchellSTEVE Ward

DOUG Embler MIKE Murdock and

THE GREELEY FAMILY DALE Oakley ALICE & FRED Wegmann

JOYCE Grubb KENT Parish

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

Gracious God, you have given up your very self to save the world. That we may

be empowered to give ourselves for one another, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: You have made your people equal and free in the baptism of your Son. That we

may live joyfully in this new way, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: You call us to take up our cross and follow the way of Christ. That we may serve

one another and live in obedience to your word, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: You show to us all the poor and needy, all the homeless and the hungry. That we

may lighten their load by taking it upon ourselves, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: You give us enough that we may share with those in need. That we and all

institutions of relief may be insistent in our care for others, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: You have surrounded us with saints of every time and place. That we may follow

them as they followed the call of Jesus, we pray:

People: Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Into your mercy, O God, we commend all the needs of the church and world,

trusting in your almighty power, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

The people may kneel or bow. 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.

Silence may be kept.

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. 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

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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)

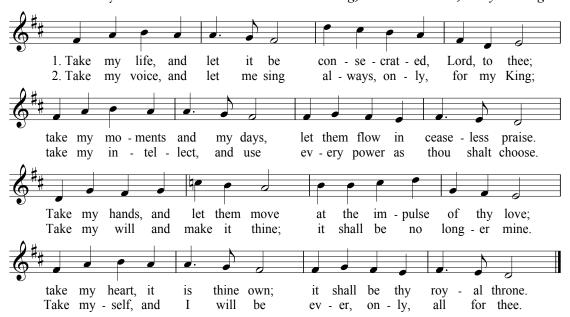
ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

God, Be In My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Words: *Sarum Primer*, 1514, alt. Music: George Bayley (1927–2016)

HYMN "Take my life and let it be consecrated" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

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

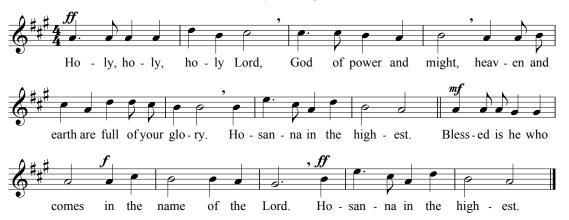
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ

our Lord. 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: Celebrant:

> All: Christ has died.

> > Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

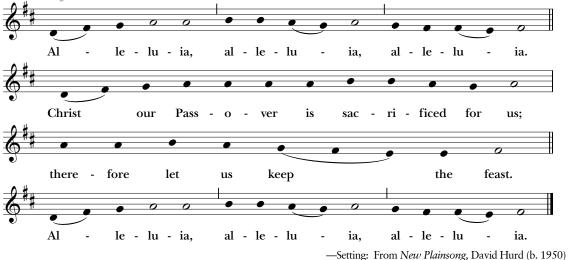
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



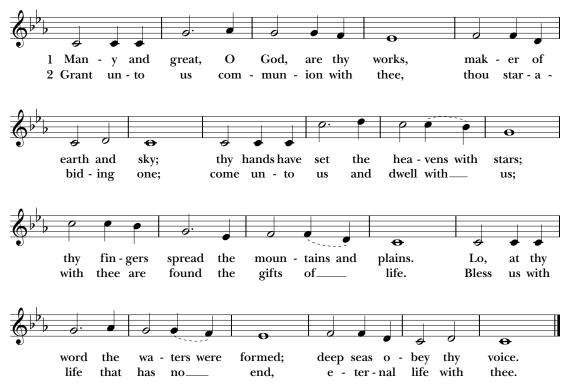
INVITATION

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

> 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.

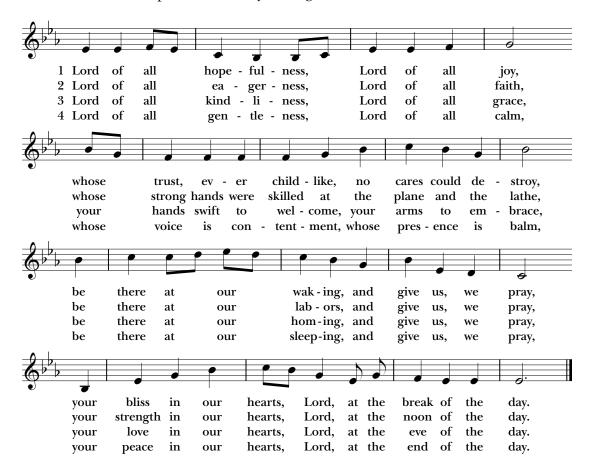
DURING COMMUNION

HYMN "Many and great, O God, are thy works" Everyone sings.



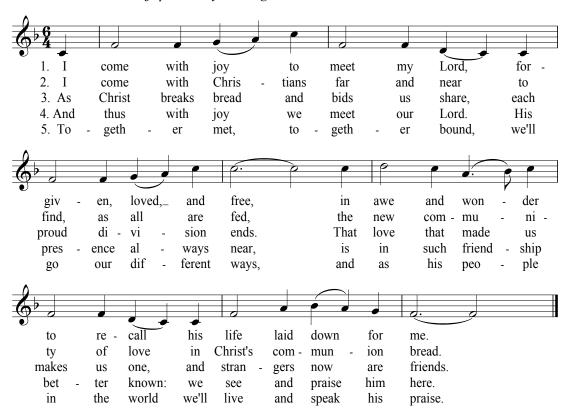
—Words: American folk hymn; rev. Phillip Frazier (1892–1964), alt.
Music: Lacquiparle (Dakota Indian Chant), Native American melody

HYMN "Lord of all hopefulness" Everyone sings.



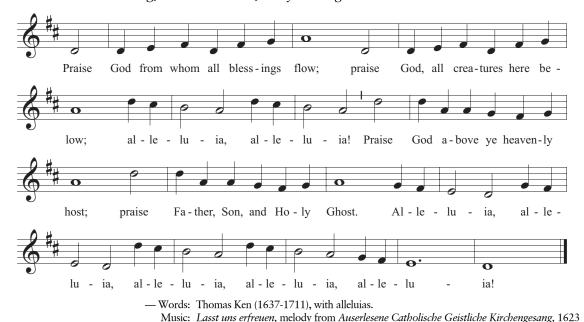
--Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953) Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

HYMN "I Come With Joy" Everyone sings.



—Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936), alt.; Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody

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

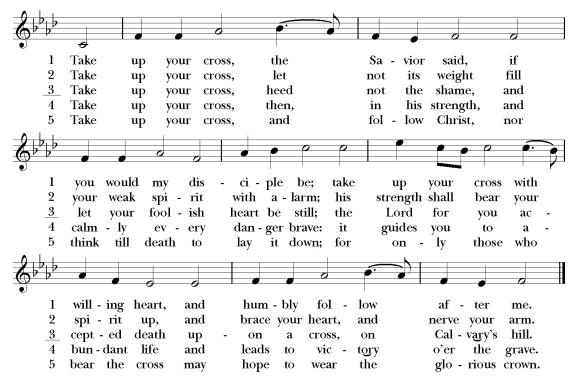
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We who are many are one body,

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

BLESSING Remain standing.

HYMN "Take up your cross, the Savior said"



—Words: Charles William Everest (1814–1877), alt.
Music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780–1859)

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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