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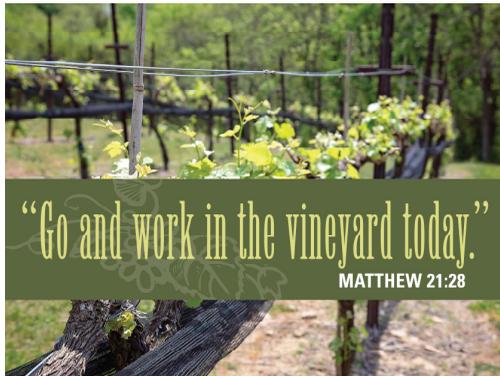
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)

8:00 a.m. – Said Eucharist

## Welcome

*Large Print service leaflets are available*

Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Leader  
Preacher: Morning Wang  
Readers: Raj Sircar, Scott McFarlane  
Intercessor: Doug Heyes



### The Gathering of the Community

#### Greeting

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

#### Hymn “Come, Ye Faithful”

Text by the Rev. Job Hupton and the Rev. J. M. Neale

Tune Hymn #111 Unser Herrscher (Neander)

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| 1 | Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,<br>Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;<br>Sing to him who found the ransom,<br>Ancient of eternal days,<br>God of God, the Word Incarnate,<br>Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.    | 7 | Laud and honour to the Father,<br>Laud and honour to the Son,<br>Laud and honour to the Spirit,<br>Ever Three and ever One,<br>Consubstantial, co-eternal,<br>While unending ages run. |
| 5 | Yet this earth he still remembers,<br>Still by him the flock are fed;<br>Yea, he gives them Food immortal,<br>Gives himself, the living Bread;<br>Leads them where the precious fountain<br>From the smitten rock is shed. |   |  |

#### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Exodus 17:1–7

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled 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?” <sup>3</sup>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?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalms 78:1–4, 12–16

- 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 forefathers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

**God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:1–13

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,

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in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>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;  
<sup>13</sup>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.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23–32

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When he 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?” <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we  
say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and  
work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not;’ but later he changed his mind and  
went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir;’ but  
he did not go. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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 . . . ”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

*People* **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of  
all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the  
Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom  
all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from  
heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was  
made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and  
was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he  
shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose  
kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy,  
catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission  
of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

#### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of  
all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought,  
word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are  
heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful  
Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, Forgive us all that is past; And  
grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To  
the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface The Lord's Day 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

*People* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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**

*Celebrant* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Dismissal**

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

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

Services		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS) 3rd Sunday of the month (AAWE)
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Worship at Midday

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAWE (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Interim Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria