

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

Welcome

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Whoever wants to be
first must be last of all
and servant of all.

Mark 9:35



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The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Processional Hymn #439 "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Text by John Keble and from Mitre Hymn Book

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| 1 | Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. | 3 | still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart, and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart. |
| 2 | The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King, | 4 | Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee. |

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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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 also with you.**

Celebrant 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

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Celebrant 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.

Collect of the Day*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

Reading:

James 3:13—4:3,7–8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 9:30–37

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed

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into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “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 Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Leader Together let us pray,

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #505 "Be Thou My Vision"

Text from Irish hymn; translation by Mary Elizabeth Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull

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| <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.</p> |
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3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's
empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and
always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure
thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is
won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright
heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever
befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we 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.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

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Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread #3

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Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.

Communion Hymn #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Text by Tom Colvin

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

- 2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

- 4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

- 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain**Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Text by Harry Emerson Fosdick

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control. Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.</p> | <p>4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail ourselves and thee, that we fail ourselves and thee.</p> |

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert
Dilip Ghose
Eleanor Gilbert
Ferdinand Gill
Parivin Gitiravan

Today's Scripture Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

James 5:13-20
Psalm 19:7-14
Mark 9:38-50

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Leonard Leader |
| Subdeacon & Preacher | Sarah Layman |
| Reader | Hazel Perkin |
| Organist | Michael Leach |
| Soloist | Rachel Fuller |
| Intercessor | Geraldine Sperling |
| Videographer | Egan Done |
| Duty Warden | Ravi Andrews |
| Ushers | Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Hazel Perkin |