

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome.*



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Prelude

Entrance Chimes

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

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.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.***

HOLY SCRIPTURE

The First Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 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!***

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on his law day and night.

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.

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in

your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But 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. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Alleluia

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Alleluia

A Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand, in body or spirit.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we welcome the poor in the name of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God for all in every danger and need.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially: **Sean Aeryk MacDonald, Prudence E. Jones, Arthur Volpe, Robert LaDieu, Roger LaDieu, Kellie LaDieu**, and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for **Pam McCarthy, Tina Kent, Ted Heagle, Gary Herrlich, Carol Smith, John Ford, flood victims, those suffering from COVID-19, those on our Prayer Chain**; and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask prayers for those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially: **Brent Underwood, Carla Stebbins, Penny O'Sullivan, and Vincent Hill**; and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray that their days may be filled with joy and blessings.

Silence

God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day and send on us your wisdom from above, that our lives may be full of gentleness and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us make our confession unto God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have resisted your will in our lives. We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other, and in the world which you have made. Reach out your saving arm and rescue us. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will for your people and all creation. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet others with a bow or a wave as a non-physical way to extend the peace. Please do not move from your pew as to maintain proper distance.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,

being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

***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
& MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to the Christ's Table for Communion. Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread under your mask and in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.

Communion Music

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

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. 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.

A BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. ***Amen.***

WLP Hymn 812: *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
Green Hymnal (Wonder, Love, and Praise)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia! ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Postlude

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION BREAD

Today's communion elements are given
in loving memory of her sister
Prudence E. Jones by Lizz Jones

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
her parents, William & Pamela Hertl,
on the occasion of their 57th anniversary
by Julia Hertl
and
her husband, Arthur Volpe
her sons, Robert and Roger LaDieu
her granddaughter, Kellie LaDieu
by Mary Volpe

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION

CLERGY

The Very Rev. Troy Preston

LECTORS

8:00 a.m. – Brent Underwood

10:00 a.m. – Nancy Douth, Barbara Cook

ORGANIST

Karen Bailey

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

John Sosa

USHERS/GREETERS

Jane Dillon, Mary Volpe, Lisa & Steve Herrmann

ALTAR GUILD

Martha Tober, Mary Volpe, Jane Dillon

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince G. Singh, Bishop

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector

The Rev. Joshua Barrett, Priest Associate

Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary

John A. Sosa, Sexton

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Chris Walters

Marion Ivy

Class of 2022

Patty Campbell
Marion Ivy
Bobby Rockwell

Diocesan Delegate

Lizz Jones

Class of 2023

Andrea Bookbinder
Erin Fairbrother
Chris Wentzel

Roberta McDonald

SERVICE GUIDELINES

- Properly wear a face mask, covering both nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the space for worship.
- Practice physical distancing in order to be in social contact with everyone in a safe manner.
- If you utilize a restroom, please use the supplies provided to sanitize the space after you are done.
- If you are feeling sick, or have underlying health concerns, please stay home and utilize the online service option.
- Ushers will be recording names and telephone numbers of attendees for contact tracing purposes. Please be gracious with offering your first and last name. Not every usher knows all individuals by both first and last name.
- Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays will continue to be available through Zoom only.
- Nursery Care, Sunday School, and Coffee Hour will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- The 10 a.m. service will be live streamed on YouTube.

Wegmans



Christ Church has been asked once again to volunteer at the start of the Wineglass Half Marathon on Sunday, October 3.

Volunteers must be 18 years old. This is a great way for us to give back to our community. If you are interested, you may sign up at the link below.

Anne Galvin will get the t-shirts and make arrangements for pick up closer to the race.

In 2019, a small but mighty crew had a great time helping the runners get started. It makes for an early day but was great fun and satisfying to be a part of this great event.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/Corning/WineGlassMarathon>