



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats, Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

The Hymnal 1982 #410
Lauda anima

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

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.***

The Song of Praise: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

The Hymnal 1982 #390
Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a tion; O my soul,
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath
praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng,
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men
psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The Collect of the Day

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

Please be seated.

Children's Processional

"I want to walk as a child of the light" (v.1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

The Hymnal 1982 #490
Houston

The First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from Exodus.

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 145:1-8, Exaltabo te, Deus

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



- 1 I will exalt you, O / God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and / ever.
- 2 Every day will I / bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and / ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; *
there is no end to his / greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to an / other *
and shall declare your / power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty *
and all your marvelous / works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your / wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your / greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous / deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of com / passion, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

"Celtic Alleluia"

Finton O'Carroll (1922-1981)

Choir sings first time, congregation joins second time.



The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr.

A moment of silence follows the homily.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

Form IV (adapted)

BCP 388

People's Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Celebrant and People say

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements, & Offertory Sentence

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews. At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

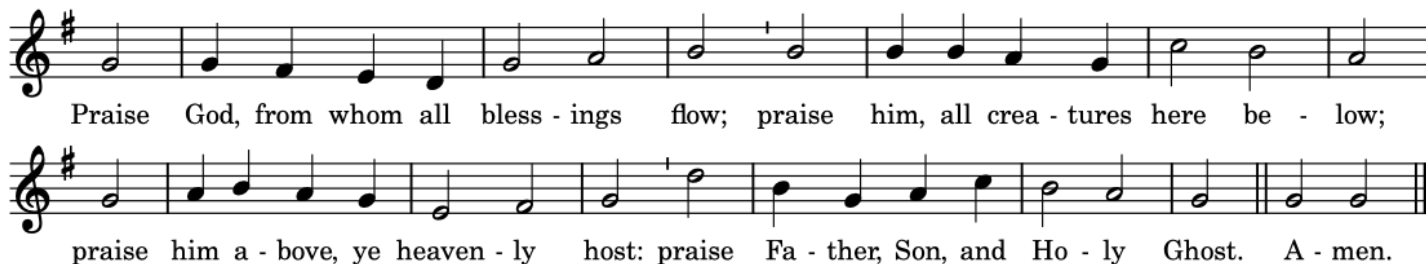
St. Paul's Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
 There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
 For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind,
 And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
 And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
 There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
 There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
 There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
 If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
 And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Please stand as you are able while the offering is presented.

The Offertory Response: The Doxology

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982 #S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____
hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

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 and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues

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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S164

Je - sus lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -
- deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presentation & Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

All are welcome to come forward for Communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail. If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you with a pottery chalice. If you would like to drink from the chalice directly, please consume the bread first and a communion server will offer you the silver chalice (common cup). If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and a priest will offer a blessing or a deacon will offer a prayer. A person may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Music During Communion

"All who hunger gather gladly"

*Wonder, Love, and Praise #761
Holy Manna*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun - ger; ne - ver stran - gers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3. All who hun - ger; sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

"Jerusalem, my happy home"

*The Hymnal 1982 #620
Land of Rest*

"O Food to pilgrims given"

*The Hymnal 1982 #309
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Enriching our Worship (EOW) 69

Please stand as you are able.

The Retiring Processional

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

The Hymnal 1982 #690

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

BCP 366

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

*The Altar Flowers are offered to the glory of God and in celebration of
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