



September 27, 2020
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2

(All stand as the Officiant enters)

Opening Music: (Music only, no singing) #574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer (*Psalm 19:14*).

Confession of Sin

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

All kneel. Silence is kept.

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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate (Psalm 100) *The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95 in unison.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Readings & Canticles *(All are seated as the Reader leads the people in the readings)*

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 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**

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

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. The people quarreled 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Second Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 55:6-11*)

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

Therefore. God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Canticle 21 You are God

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in
endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

**Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,
worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death and
opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus 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?" 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. 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?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 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.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and

went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 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. 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.

Reflection

Harry Denaker

The Apostles' Creed (*The Officiant leads the people in saying the Creed, all standing*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers (*The Intercessor leads the people in the prayers. People may stand or kneel.*)

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Intercessor: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Said in unison.*)

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 Suffrages

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People ***And grant us yoursalvation.***

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People ***Let your people sing with joy.***

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People ***For only in you can we live in safety.***

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;
People ***Your saving health among all nations.***

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

Collect of the Day: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offertory Music: (music only, no singing) #339 "Deck thyself my soul with gladness" Prayers of the People

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives, for those celebrating birthdays (John Bradley [9/27], Stephen Bezrucik [9/28], Katie Dagon [9/28], Tom Cyr [9/30], Nicole Rogers [10/2], or anniversaries at this time of isolation.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially those who have requested our prayers: including Fr. Ron; Tom Docker; Russ Wheeler; Lydia Myers, Loretta Ickes;; Nelson Moore; Marianne Marsh; Daniel Paez; Bob Kell; "Cousin" Phil and Norm H.; Cole, Alyssa and Kayden, Natalie Ware, Karen Thom; Mary; and Alberta's daughter Joyce.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for our deacon Donna and for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good, especially at this time of the terrible pandemic.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those on the front lines of serving our communities, the health care professionals, the law enforcement and first responders, those in our stores and shops, those who deliver things to us and provide transportation to others who put themselves in danger for the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who died of the virus and those dying alone in hospitals and nursing homes, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love, through the care and support of others.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

The General Thanksgiving (all standing)

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Officiant: In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives, let us pray.

***All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Blessing

Closing music: #686 "Come thou fount of every blessing" (music only no singing)

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

People: Thanks be to God

St. Peter's Prayer List

We pray for all those who have died. We pray as well for all those around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19 and for the suffering and death on the West Coast due to the wildfires.

Continuing Prayer List: Fr. Ron; Russ Wheeler; Tommy Docker, Lydia Myers, Loretta Ickes, Bob LaMay; Addie, Matt and Blake; Nelson Moore; Marianne Marsh; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Stephen & Victoria; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Joyce leombruno, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Mark & Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Donna Gray; Daryl Cook; Kyle Buttice; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Lorraine Nelson; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; Bobbie Marston; Joan Conley; Alex Trebek; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Ambrosio Vidal and family; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Joyce L.;

Calendar

***Zoom Meetings: Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**

***Fall Festival Saturday, October 3, 9am-3pm** outside tag sale with pumpkins, jams, and mums. Inside we will have a smaller tag sale priced by table and dollar amount with stickers. Masks required.

***Sunday October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis and those who attend the service of Holy Eucharist are invited to bring their pets for a blessing.**

