



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Sunday, 24 September 2023 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The People's responses are in *bold italics*.

Hymns are in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

Service music (marked "S") is found at the front of the Hymnal.

Other page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*.

Worship Information

Welcome to Christ Church! We especially welcome our visitors and newcomers and ask that you fill out a visitor card so that we can thank you for coming.

For Children – Children are always welcome during service. There is a Kid's Korner with books and activities at the entrance.

Opening Voluntary

New Britain ("Amazing Grace")

— Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 671 — *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his 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.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, 10:30 Service

During the Hymn, children in grades Pre-K through 5th may follow the children's acolytes down the center aisle to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

8:00 - Kyrie: Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

10:30 - Hymn of Praise: Canticle 13 Hymnal S 236

For Verses 5 & 6, the Congregation sings the music on the bottom staff.

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.**

The People may be seated.

The First Lesson — Exodus 16:2-15

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."

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

The Gradual — Psalm 105:1-2, 39-40, 42-43

Organ Introduction

The Choir sings the Antiphon.

The Congregation repeats the Antiphon:



Re mem-ber the mar-vels God has done.

The Choir sings the verses. The Congregation repeats the Antiphon as indicated.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Antiphon

- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
40 **They asked, and quails appeared, ***
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

Antiphon

- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
43 **So he led forth his people with gladness, ***
his chosen with shouts of joy.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson — Philippians 1:21-30

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.

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

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

10:30 - Sequence Hymn: 541 – Come, labor on

The Gospel — Matthew 20:1-16

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman

Silence may be kept.

The Nicene Creed *The People stand.*

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.*

Prayers of the People: Form VI

BCP 392

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world. *(The People kneel.)*

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the imprisoned, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop, Michael and Katie our Priests; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the people of Maui and for all victims of wildfires and hurricanes. For the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community (*especially...*) and for all others we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence. *The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. *The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died (*especially...*), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. *The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest 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 *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory

10:30 - Offertory Anthem

"Set me as a seal" – René Clausen (b. 1953)

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.*

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.*

At the Presentation

Hymnal 43:4

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*The doxology is sung twice: the first time, in unison;
the second time in canon, the Epistle Side (Right),
followed by the Gospel Side (Left).*

At the presentation of the monetary gifts,

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B — BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

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

Hymnal S 125

***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.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [____ and] 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

10:30 - Then is sung

Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed Hymnal S 169

The Anthem is sung as indicated.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:
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.

The Communion

Christians of all ages (regardless of where you were baptized) are welcome to receive Holy Communion. • Please come forward to the Altar Rail, being careful of the step just before the rail. • The rail fills from the center, and please don't hesitate to cross to the other side if there is space. • Communion is available in two kinds. If you choose not to receive communion in one or both kinds, please cross both arms across your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. • If you choose to receive communion in one kind, know Christ is fully present and all benefits of the Eucharist are fully received. • If you receive the chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the base of the cup. Or you may choose to intinct in the chalice. • If you need a gluten-free wafer, please cross one arm across your chest. There is no separate chalice. • If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pew, please notify the ushers at the door.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 343 — *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymn 482 — *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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 and Blood. 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.*

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, *you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 376 — *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Dismissal *Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G, BWV 541a — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Maxine Hale Edwards,
Gary W. Edwards and Mary Hale Pope.*

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