

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Sunday, September 19, 2021
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Worship at 10:15am
In-person & Facebook Live
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Prelude

Chris Teichler

Processional "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine" Pg. 477

Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word: Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day

Minister of the Word: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Minister of the Word: 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.*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

The First Reading

Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22

A reading from wisdom.

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others,

and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus, they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
* those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; * it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; * in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Reading

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

A reading from the Letter of James.

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. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and 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.

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Proclamation

Deacon Barbara Gibson

We Pray for the World and the Church

*The prayers may be led either by the Minister of the Word, a lector or other appointed petitioner.
Kneeling or standing as able*

Grant us wisdom and sound reasoning, O God, that we may order our ways according to your purposes, with our hope well-fixed on a righteous path:

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Draw near to us, remembering especially our sick and those for whom we now intercede Anita, Beth, Brooke, Brooks, Bertha, Danny, Dave, Delinda, Denny, Elaine, Erlyne, Gracie, Ian, Jaden, Jane, Jean, Jeanette, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Julie, Kathleen, Kent, Kenneth, Kim, Klayton, Mildred, Penny, Shasta, Suzanne, Therese, Ralph, Robby, Robert, and help us draw near to you, that we may lead good lives born of wisdom:

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Make the Church to be a strong witness to Christ’s teaching and in this stewardship season, give us hearts to sacrifice with joy for the work of our parishes:

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Instruct the leaders of our nation in ways of gentleness and humility, remembering especially our President, our Congress and Supreme Court:

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Enable us to become peacemakers, that we might know the harvest of righteousness sown in peace for those who make peace:

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Show us how to love and welcome each child given into our care as we would welcome Christ, and show us how best to labor for the well-being of all children in our communities, in our nation and world:

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

You have taught us that whoever would live a life of significance must become servant of all. Quicken within us an understanding of this teaching, and help us to do as we have been taught:

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Pray for the Episcopal Church

Pray for the people of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania

Pray for the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Sedan, the Reverend Mary Schrom Breese, and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, for all bishops and ministers, and for all the holy people of God.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Marc McDonald, Rector of St Andrews Episcopal Church, Emporia Kansas.

We give thanks for St. Matthew's and Trinity and pray for St. Matthew's Payee Program, Northridge Elementary School their teachers, staff, students and families, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach of our churches.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We Exchange the Peace

Minister of the Word: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now 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 of 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 Prayer of Humble Access

The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and People

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: 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 Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*

Hymn

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*

Recessional

“Praise to The Lord, The Almighty”

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Grace and Dismissal

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chris Teichler

Ministers this Service

The Reverend Barbara Gibson, *Deacon* - Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Maggie Snow, *Minister of the Word*

Mary Upton, *Lector*

Chris Teichler, *Organist*

Chris Simmonds, Margie Knupp, Katie Reese, Elizabeth Hill, *Altar Guild*

Altar Flowers given by Stephanie & Katherine Lindgren for blessings received.