



The 17th Sunday After Pentecost
September 19, 2021
9:00 am

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Welcome

Opening Hymn

God is Love, let heaven adore Him

Hymn 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Clergy Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

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

Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Psalm 54

- ¹ Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.
- ² Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- ³ For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
- ⁴ Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Sequence Hymn

Our Father, by whose Name

Hymn 587

Our Father, by whose Name
all fatherhood is known,
who dost in love proclaim
each family thine own,
bless thou all parents, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which thy people dwell.

O Christ, thyself a child
within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled,
thou didst to manhood come;
our children bless, in every place,
that they may all behold thy face,
and knowing thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind
our hearts in unity,
who teachest us to find
the love from self set free,
in all our hearts such love increase,
that every home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus and the 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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

The Nicene Creed

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world: In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of St. James' Episcopal Church in Pulaski and their priest, the Rev. Shelly Banner. We also pray for the people of Zion Episcopal Church in Rome and their priest, the Rev. Jim Heidt. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of San Mateo in Lourdes and their priest, the Rev. Irma Alvarado. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of New Hampshire and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of Uganda and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of abundance that you have given us. God of justice, **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Give us courage to strive for justice and equality among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need: For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, for the lonely and those who mourn; and for those we name now _____. Awaken in us compassion as we seek

and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy, **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For those lost to the pandemic; for military personnel and public servants who have given their lives in service to our nation; and for those we name now _____. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offertory

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

David Evans

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest 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.

A Proper Preface is said here.

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:

Sanctus

**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.**

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:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

The Communion

O Master, let me walk with thee
 in lowly paths of service free;
 tell me thy secret; help me bear
 the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
 by some clear, winning word of love;
 teach me the wayward feet to stay,
 and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
 in closer, dearer company,
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 in trust that triumphs over wrong,

in hope that sends a shining ray
 far down the future's broadening way,
 in peace that only thou canst give,
 with thee, O Master, let me live.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Clergy May the heavens bless you.
 May sun shine on you.
 May the rain dance on your upturned face
 May the stars make you wonder and smile.
 May the bounty and beauty of the earth bless you, and may you bless the earth in planting and
 protest and sharing food.
 And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
 join the great throng,
 psaltery, organ, and song,
 sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
 borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
 Hast thou not seen
 how all thou needest hath been

granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

Dismissal

Clergy Go now.
Go and revel in God's world.
Go and be creative.
Go and work for justice.
Go and love your neighbors.
Go and walk with God.
Amen. Alleluia.

All **Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Lobe den Herren

Karen Keene

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Prayers of the People
Ushers

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