



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
11:00AM

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Préambule, op. 31, no. 1

Louis Vierne

The Word of God

Hymn 408, *Standing, sung by all* *Sing praise to God who reigns above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria S280, *Sung by all*

Robert Powell

The letter "S" in front of a number refers to the service music, which is found in the front section of the Hymnal

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 First Reading, *Seated*

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, *Please join in singing the bold portions of the Psalm*

Tone VI



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call / upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds a-/mong thē peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises / to him, ***
 and speak of / all hīs marv’lous works.
- 3 Glory in / his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who / seek thē Lord rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the Lord and / his strength; ***
 conti-/nual·lŷ seek his face.
- 5 Remember the mar-/vels he has done, *
 his wonders and the / judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham / his servant, ***
 O children of Ja-/cob hīs chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver / and gold; *
 in all their tribes there was not / one thāt stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad / of their going, *
because they / were äfraid of them.
 39 He spread out a cloud for / a cov•ering *
 and a fire to give light in / the night season.
40 They asked, / and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with / bread fröm heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, / and water flowed, *
 so the river ran in / the drÿ places.
42 For God remembered / his holy word *
and Abra-/ham hïs servant.
 43 So he led forth his people / with gladness, *
 his cho-/sen with shouts of joy.
44 He gave his people the lands of / the nations, *
and they took the / fruit öf others' toil,
 45 That they might keep / his statutes *
and observe his laws. / Hallëlujah!

The Second Reading

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.

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

Hymn 684, Standing, sung by all

O for a closer walk with God CAITHNESS

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children's cross to Children's Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeler 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.”

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

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

The Nicene Creed, *Standing* 358

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The Peace, *Standing* 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *I am the vine* Philip James

I am the vine, and you the branches. They that do with me abide, theirs will be the glorious fruitage, theirs the blessings that betide. Love one another, and my law I will lay upon you, that accordingly you live. Love one another. Unto him that asketh, give. I am the vine, and you the branches. Fruitless shall the branches be, except that they keep my commandment, except that they abide in me.

—John 15:4, 5, 7, 12, paraphrased by Frederick H. Martens

Presentation Hymn 416, st. 6, *Standing, sung by all*

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ... 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 S129, *Sung by all*

Powell

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant 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:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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,

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all* 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

Agnus Dei S163, *Sung by all* Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Music during Communion *Tu mandasti* Plainsong

You have laid down your commandments that we should fully keep them; O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes. Ps. Happy are they whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord. (Ps 119)

Hymn 309 *O Food to pilgrims given* O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

Hymn 312

Strengthen for service, Lord MALABAR

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 527, *Standing, sung by all*

Singing songs of expectation TON-Y-BOTEL

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a dismissal followed by:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Toccata (Pièces de Fantaisie, op. 53)

Vierne

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of Chaz and Caden Yarbrough by Regina Yarbrough.*

CELEBRANT The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

PREACHER The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

ASSISTING The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

DEACON The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

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