



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
September 19, 2021 | 10:00 AM

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Due to the rise in COVID-19 delta variant cases in the county, the Bishop of Maryland now requires that we refrain from congregational singing and remain masked for the entire service. Hospitality time is suspended until further notice.

Welcome

Hymn

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant says*

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.**

Gloria (spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

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 LESSONS

### First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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

*Saint Helena Psalter*

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear my prayer, O God; \***  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup> For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, God is my helper; \***  
**it is God who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup> Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup> **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \***  
**and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*One Small Child*

VF 70, verse 1

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Cindy Christopher

The Nicene Creed

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*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Celebrant*      Wonderful and compassionate God, you have revealed yourself through your Son Jesus Christ as a God of gentle service, resisting the violence of the proud and confirming the

goodness of the innocent: Hear the offering of our prayers on behalf of the little, the last, and the lost, as we say: *Whoever wants to be first, must be last of all and servant of all.*

*Intercessor* You have called your Church to sacrificial service in the name of your Son Jesus: Grant us the wisdom from above which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy, that your church may bring to you a harvest of righteousness.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Intercessor* In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania and in our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Good Shepherd, Towson; Holy Comforter, Lutherville; Holy Nativity, Baltimore.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Intercessor* Confront the leaders of the world with your justice, and raise up courageous witnesses who will oppose wrong action and reprove the thoughts of the violent, that all who serve in positions of authority may join in your divine work to deliver the innocent and vulnerable from the hands of their adversaries.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Intercessor* Be present with those who suffer throughout the world from war or violence or oppression, from poverty or hunger or sadness: Let your kind and gentle hand be with them to comfort and deliver them.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Intercessor* Spread your teaching throughout our community to increase among us those who are wise and understanding, whose works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Intercessor* We offer to your gracious protection our intercessions for those for whom we are called to pray, especially **Max, Kate, Raymond, Jamie, John, Katherine, Zoe, Charlie, Anna, Luis, Jack, LuAnn, and Jimmy.**

We thank you for the gift of children and for calm strength and patient wisdom to nurture them as they grow to love whatever is just and true and good. We bring you are gratefulness for our joys and blessings, especially for Albert, Drew, Andrew, and Madeline.

We entrust to your never failing care and love those who have died.

Whoever wants to be first,  
**must be last of all and servant of all.**

*Celebrant* God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has endured the path of betrayal and death and triumphed in humble resurrection: Help us to extend your gentle embrace to all your children, and thus welcome you into our lives through service and gratefulness, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your risen and living Son. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

## Announcements & Blessings

**Birthdays:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anniversaries:** O God, who has given us the sacrament of marriage that we may know you through the intimacy of married love; send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and

kindness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Travelers:** O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel especially these your children; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

### Offertory Hymn

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

H 660

### Doxology

**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 Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing as you are able.*

**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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 (spoken)

**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. Then 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 the children of Abraham 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 all 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; 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**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
**Our Father,**  
**who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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, forever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All are welcome to share in the consecrated bread. If you wish to receive it, please join the queue up to the crossing and the celebrant will give it to you. If you prefer not to receive but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest*

### Communion Hymn

*Nearer My God to Thee*

LEVAS 54

### Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEVAS 194

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## ONGOING & UPCOMING EVENTS

### September is Trinity's Outreach month for ACTC

They are especially requesting: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, and Breakfast Cereal.

### Inquirers Class, September 13 through November 15, on Monday nights at 7pm:

A chance to ask the questions you didn't think you were allowed to ask and explore them through the lenses of scripture, tradition, and reason. Our starting point will be material from Forward Movement. Registration is free, but required. Read more about this opportunity to connect more deeply with your faith on our website at [www.trinitychurchtowson.org](http://www.trinitychurchtowson.org).

### Brown Bag Bible Study, Thursdays from 12-1pm on Zoom.

Grab a sandwich and your Bible to join in a discussion of weekly lectionary readings. The meeting information is available on our website or by contacting the office.

### Trinity Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Quiet Service

Sundays, 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist, with Music

Sundays, 5:00 pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm: Evening Prayer with Sykes & Wiley (Live on YouTube only)

## PRAYERS

Intercessory prayer “is a profound, loving, and costly holding up of others who are on our hearts before God. True intercession is being with God, with the people on our hearts.” -Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

Please help us keep our list up to date by contacting the office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer, and by also letting us know when special prayers are no longer needed.

### **We pray for those with immediate needs:**

Max Gabriel, Kate McGretick, Raymond Chase, Jamie Tumulty, John Wray, Zoe Schultz, Katherine Mueller, Charlie Fraim, Anna Clarkson, Luis Tejada, Jack Gillett, LuAnn Brown, and Jimmy.

### **We pray for those with long-term needs:**

Phoebe Bacon, Pat Blake, June Burgess, Ilene Clarkson, Betty Denison, Marina Gavrelis, Jack Gillett (grandson), Dottie Hagan, Betsy Hughes, Eric Ingle, Dick & Gini Patterson, Jessica, Chris Price, Francis Schultz, Dixie Shelhoss, Ruth Stahl, Nancy Sword, Jim Weatherly, Fred Webber, Pat Wolf, Ken & Ann Eder, Ebbie Wheeler, Rob Stahl, Wendy Stahl, Nancy Hinson, Larry Davis, Breezy, Michael Shaw, Lorraine Robertson, Delilah Dougan, George Dougan, Betsy Price, Peter Mogelnicki, Dolores Andrew, and Sandy Rupp.

**We offer special prayers for:** Our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico.

### **We pray for our students attending college/university:**

Mason Ayotte, Charlie Bouloukos, Bridget Flynn, Maddie Grable, Heather Hinson, Andrew Jenkins, Thomas Lewis, Rehema Mwaisela, Sophie Mwaisela, Hannah Preston, Darah Schillinger, Annie Swindell, Kiely Woodward, Claire Krisanda, Nick Lewis, Izzy Grable, and Tom Hinson.

**We pray for those serving in our military:** Jordan Clark and Toni Myatt.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week:** Albert Lemieux, Drew Steele, Andrew Gabell, and Madeline Grable.

*\*If you have a birthday that is not listed, please let us know so that we can celebrate you!*

*If anyone is interested in joining the altar floral guild, or in dedicating altar flowers, please contact Joanne Lindsay at [lindsay.joannec@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.joannec@gmail.com)*

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