The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

9:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Amazing Grace ~



~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

SERVICE MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Cara Rockhill Musician: Brenda Carter

LEM: Margaret Hummel (Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People)

Readers: Chris Gruener (reading 1 & Psalm) and David Montgomery (reading 2)

Attendance/Usher: Stephanie Wu

Altar Guild: Caryn Coyle & Margaret Hummel

Zoom: Eliza Blay

REGATHERING SAFETY:

If you attend our outdoor service; families, households, and "pods" are welcome to sit together. Please remember that chairs must remain in place the entire service. Social distancing is required, and people must mask - regardless of vaccination status. We will have masks if anyone doesn't have one. We hope and expect everyone to be respectful of these safety measures. Please bring a copy of the Worship Bulletin (*printed or on your mobile device*), if feasible.

Kaffee Klatch continues! If you wish to gather briefly after our Sunday service, we can offer a cold drink or coffee. No food is allowed and our same regathering safety rules apply. Please practice social distancing and mask up.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, and St. Mary's Church, Rockport.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

September 2021: James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig, Sally Montgomery, Robin, Grace McGregor, Natsuko Horiuchi, Julie Le, Sarah Conger, Janet Prifti and Rev. Cara Rockhill.

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Prelude Brenda Carter

OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant: From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.

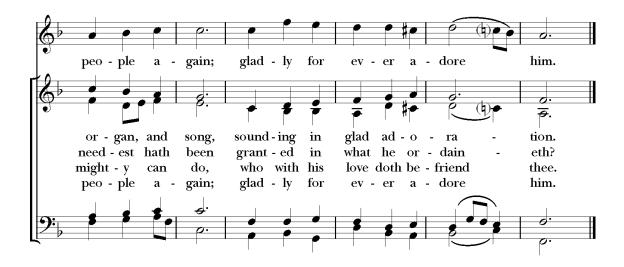
OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HYMNAL#390



(Continued)



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Blessed Be the One, Holy and Living God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

GLORIA WLP #899

All: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Author, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Author,

Lord God, Light of God,

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Author: 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 our God.

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Amen.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: God is with you. All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

(This week's Psalm comes from the St. Helena Psalter and the other readings are from the Inclusive Bible.)

THE FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

What is worth more than a strong and loving wife? She is more precious than jewels; her husband's heart trusts in her, from which no little gain is drawn. She brings good—not evil— to her house all the days of her life. For she seeks out tools of her trade, and works with willing hands. She is like the merchant ship which brings provisions from far off. She rises before dawn to put into motions the working of the household. After some consideration she buys a field and, with what she has earned, puts in a vineyard. She is up to the demands of labor, and her limbs rise to meet the task. She enjoys the success that comes with hard work, and her lamp burns late at night. She works the spindle in one hand, while holding the distaff in the other. She holds out a hand to the hungry, and opens her arms to the homeless. She prepares her household for snowy weather, for they are all warmly clothed. She makes her own quilts, and dresses in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected in the public square, and takes a seat among the elders. She makes linen garments for the market, and delivers belts to the merchants. Strength and honor are her mien; she rejoices in the future. Her speaking displays her wisdom; words of kindness come from her tongue. She supervises the household well, and does not sit idle. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband, too, says, "Thank you. Many women have done very well, but you excel them all!" Charm deceives, and beauty flees; but she who fears God is worthy of praise. May she be filled with the fruit of her hands; and may her works be extolled in the public square.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 1

- Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2. Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, and they meditate on that law day and night.

- 3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;
- 6. For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James.

If there are any wise and learned among you, let them show it by good living—with humility, and with wisdom in their actions. But if you have the bitterness of jealousy or selfseeking ambition in your hearts, be careful or you'll find yourself becoming arrogant and covering up the truth with lies. This kind of "wisdom" doesn't come from above. It's earthbound, animal-like and demonic. Where there is jealousy and ambition, there is also disharmony and wickedness of every kind. The wisdom from above, however, has purity as its essence. It works for peace; it's kind and considerate. It's full of compassion and shows itself by doing good. Nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these conflicts and battles among you first start? Isn't it that they come from the desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it, so you're prepared to kill to get it. You have ambitions that you can't satisfy, so you fight to get your way by force. The reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask for it in prayer. And when you do ask and don't get it, it's because you haven't prayed properly. You have prayed in order to indulge your own pleasures. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and it will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)



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THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching the disciples along these lines: "The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and will be put to death, but three days later this One will rise again." Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him.

They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, "What were you discussing on the way home?" At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the most important. So Jesus sat down and called the twelve over and said, "If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all." Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arm around the child, said to them, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Cara Rockhill

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone.

Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (please stand or kneel as you are able)

LEM: In peace, let us pray, saying, "God, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,

we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gayle, our Bishops and, for all the

people of God, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For all who are awed by God and believe in you, oh Christ, that our divisions may

cease, and that all may be one as you and God are one, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to

the ends of the earth, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among

nations and peoples, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the

dignity and freedom of every person, and all of God's creation, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For all who live and work in this community, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,

that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For those who are poor, persecuted, sick, and all who suffer; for those who are

refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, especially those on our parish prayer list (read the names), we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends,

and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We hold these special prayers and thanksgivings in the heart of our

community (read from the community prayer book) we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: For all who have died in the communion of your Church. And, for all those who

left us during this pandemic yet whose bright lights are not forgotten, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in

that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray.

All: God, have mercy.

LEM: We pray for ourselves and our ministries. May your word be a lamp to our feet.

All: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, O God, to trust your love,

to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (please stand or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

All: O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole.

Forgive us and renew us now.

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you every trespass through our Savior

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

(from Enriching Our Worship)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEVAS#194



(Continued)



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THE DOXOLOGY HYMNAL #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ and Holy Breath. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars, earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS WLP #858

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

Glory, honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a Son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to you, O God, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at a table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

THE GREAT AMEN WLP #863

All:





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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM WLP #878

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and Whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that

Christ lived, died, and rose again for us, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith

with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

You are welcome at this table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you are willing, please come forward to receive Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – place your arms across your chest to indicate that a blessing is desired.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, our Creator, 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 Christ's 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 Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING



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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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