

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday 2 October 2022 • 10:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Andante

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

WELCOME

HYMN

“We the Lord’s People”

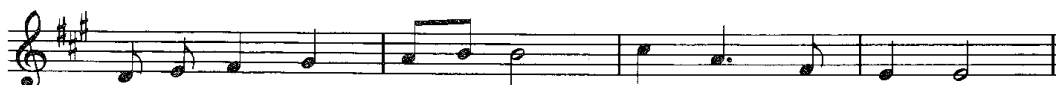
DECATUR PLACE



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
 and you will not listen?
 Or cry to you "Violence!"
 and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 37:1-10

Response



Do not fret because of the wicked; do not envy those who do evil,
for they wither quickly like grass and fade like the green of the fields. *Response*

If you trust in the LORD and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure.
If you find your delight in the LORD, he will grant your heart's desire. *Response*

Commit your life to the LORD, be confident, and God will act,
so that your justice breaks forth like the light, your cause like the noonday sun. *Response*

Be still before the LORD and wait in patience; do not fret at those who prosper;
those who make evil plots to bring down the needy and the poor. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in
Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*Preschool- and elementary-aged children are invited to process to **Children's Chapel.***

The people stand, as able, to sing the Sequence Hymn.



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 help me to see your pur - pose and your will—
 to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

REFLECTION

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI

Reader In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; **for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Chilton, our Assisting Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; **for all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(pause)* Hear us, Lord; **for your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(pause)* We will exalt you, O God; **and praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(pause)* Lord, let your lovingkindness be upon them; **who put their trust in you.**

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **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.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.
Your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

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or follow the link to our electronic giving platform.*



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Offertory Anthem

“Jesus, My Sweet Pleasure”

arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jesus, my sweet pleasure, perfect, joyful leisure, jewel, bright and true:
how my heart has fretted, my desire so whetted, longing after you!
Lamb of God, my own betrothed, nothing in this life so moves me, holds me gently, soothes me.

You provide my refuge from the driving deluge of the devil’s band.
Let the tempter trail me, enemies assail me, Jesus is at hand!
When the rain of fear and pain, when the storms of hell beset me, Jesus will protect me.

Gone with brazen treasure! You are all my pleasure, Jesus, all my own.
Gone, farewell to glory! I shall not be sorry to remain unknown.
Troubles, pain, cross, death, and shame, from his side they cannot force me nor from him divorce me.

Quiet, fears and sadness, for the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Sickness, death, and mourning, love of God transforming, gives sweet peace within.
I have borne this worldly scorn, yet in grief I find my treasure, Jesus, perfect pleasure.

The Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It features two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Presider' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is labeled 'People' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' are written below the notes.

Presider *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation. The first staff is labeled 'Presider' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is labeled 'People' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' are written below the notes.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation, labeled 'Presider'. It features a single staff with the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are written below the notes.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of musical notation, labeled 'People'. It features a single staff with the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'It is right to give God thanks and praise.' are written below the notes.

Presider

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider

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.

All

Presider

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

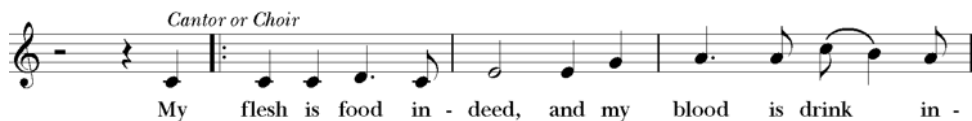
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)



1 All 2 Cantor or Choir

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.
 Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
 Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

Communion Anthem O Lord, Increase Our Faith Henry Loosemore (d. 1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
 endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience, in all our adversities.
 Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
All **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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

FESTAL HYMN



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick-ened by the Spir - it's power, rise up, O saints of God!

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

The preacher offers a dismissal, then the people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on the Seventh Tone

Jacques Boyvin (1650-1706)

How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

Why use incense in worship?

Incense has a long history in Christianity, Judaism and other religions. It adds our noses to the multi-sensory experience of worship. The psalmist expresses the symbolism of incense and prayer: “Let my prayer rise like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification. The sweet smell suggests Christ's righteousness that covers sin. In some traditions, incense is used to honor holy things and holy people (the gathered people, that is, the body of Christ). The altar/table, the bread and wine, the ministers and the assembly may be “censed” as a way of showing their importance in the liturgy. Incense adds a festive accompaniment to processions, creating “holy clouds” and “holy smells” in the air.

The sweet smell of incense is a doorway to the holy in the same way that beautiful music, flowers, stained glass, or a room/building can lead us to ponder the mystery of God's presence. Incense in worship is an ancient practice that connects us to the Church around the world and through the ages.

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