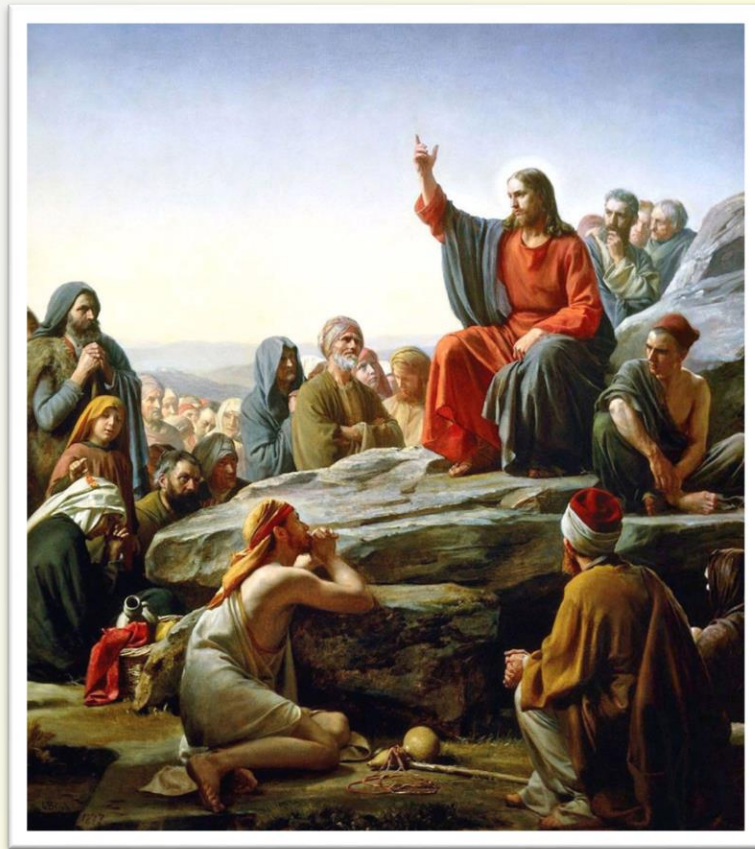


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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
~ Proper 20 ~



Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ 10:00AM

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

~ Proper 20 ~

## Prelude

Opening Hymn: 437, vv. 1, 2

"Tell out my soul"

Birmingham

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name – The Lord, the Mighty One.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

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; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

### The Gloria

**Glory be 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 sin 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**

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.

### **Psalm 54**

*Deus, in nomine*

- 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.

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

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.

### **Hymn 660, vss. 1, 2**

“O Master let me walk with thee”

*Maryton*

O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me to 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.

### **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

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.”

## The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

## The Nicene Creed

*(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.**

## Prayers of the People ~ Form IV (BCP: 388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant: 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**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Welcome, Birthday and Anniversary Prayer, and Announcements**

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

"Fantasia on Dix"  
Sean O'Neal, Organ

Smith

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

*(Please stand 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 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. 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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**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.**

*(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

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:

**Celebrant and 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

*While communion is being received, the following prayer for Spiritual Communion may be said by those who are worshiping with us online:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. [St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry]

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: 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

**Recessional Hymn: 473, vv. 1, 2**

"Lift high the cross"

*Crucifer*

*Refrain* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

*Verses* Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

## Dismissal:

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**





The flowers are given to the  
 Glory of God by Susan Sherman as a  
 thank offering for her wonderful  
 family and friends.



**Participants in Today's Service:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Susan Scranton  
 LEM: Jon Sharp  
 Lectors: Jared Anders, Laurel McKenzie  
 Organist: Sean O'Neal  
 Video Services: Wayne Kawamoto  
 Assistant: Nathaniel Olmos  
 Produced by: Rick Sandona  
 Flower Guild: Tricia Coppack, Marilyn Scranton  
 Altar Guild: Patricia Meyer, A.J. Roberts, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady  
 Suzy Hageman  
 Ushers: Alex McKenzie, Frank Hageman  
 Bulletin Editor: Nancy Rice  
 Vestry Person of the Week: Laurel McKenzie



**Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2021**

Rev. Susan L. Scranton  
 Todd Rice - Senior Warden, Hannah Palpant - Junior Warden  
 Karen Cleland - Treasurer  
 Jared Anders, Kathi Ferris, Laurel McKenzie, Rosann Kindt,  
 Bobbi Patterson, Debbie Pullen, Pat McAlmond

**September Birthdays**

2 – Dawn Mellon	11 - Gary Kindt	20 – Manette Thomas
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Deborah Hoffman	23 – Suzy Hageman
6 – John Williamson	12 – Ted Kopf	24 – Emily Kawamoto
8 - Jerry Seielstad	13 – Karson Lakin	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
8 – Marlene McCormick	18 - Kari Roth	30 - Jon Sharp
	20 – Susan Sherman	

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11  
 Donna and George Petrokowitz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno

### Prayer List

**For healing and comfort:** Tess Marinian, Ted Anderson, Ron Gonzales, Ann Jones, Frances Stocking, Michael Gamble, Jennifer Jones, Tamara Bouchey, Judy Webster, Joey Brown, Don Baxter, Steve Emmett, Micah Palpant, Nathan, Father Bain, Matthew Hageman, Paul & Ruthie Hatcher, Loren Rettle, Arlene Flach, Lacey G., Donna Petrokowitz, Jennie Grigolla, Harry Ernest Critzer, Beth Owen, Hannah Pine, Marshall Meyer, Patricia Meyer, Solomon & Malcolm, Roberta Wolfe, Doug Rice, Lois Loughery, Zhea LeClair, Andrew Benardini, Dawn Mellon, Carrie Dixon, Sherry McKeithen, Kevin Joy, Arlene Flach, Jennie Phillips

**For comfort & guidance:** Jean Beaulieu, Mandy, John & Family, Kevin, Don Lockery, Susan K., Theresa Proctor, Marylyn Brown, Linda Rice, Shirley Reeves

**For prayers & safety:** Addison Hoffman (For his upcoming deployment.)

**For those who have died:** Kay Slepr, Herschel Green, John Hageman, Hank Montoya, Merle Chansler,

**For those in mourning:** Susan Sherman and Carol Winship, Ann Green, Frank & Suzy Hageman, Kathy & Jerry Seielstad, Huss & Chansler Families

**For those serving in the military:** Addison Hoffman ~ U.S. Army, Wyatt Helmer U.S. Navy Seabees, Josh ~ U.S. Marine Corps, C.J. Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy (Glendora Residents), Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Blood Drive** ~ Today from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Celebration of our Ministries** ~ Sunday, September 26 BBQ Picnic

Please join us for a BBQ after-church in celebration of our ministries. This is a bring your own table or blanket affair. You may bring your own chairs or use the available chairs at church. Food will be served in a boxed lunch fashion, as it was on Pentecost Sunday. Each person will receive a hamburger/cheeseburger or hot dog, sides, dessert, condiments, and a drink. Sign up via the invitation that was sent out via email, on Facebook, or sign up on this Sunday.

**Adopt-A-Lunch** ~ Sunday, September 26 after the 10 AM service. Please remember to bring the food supplies for which you signed up. The making of sandwiches and packing the bags will take place following the 10:00 AM service.

**Sunday School Tailgate Gathering** ~ Sunday, September 26 at 11:30 AM

**The Blessing of the Animals** ~ Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 AM on the Front Lawn  
Our Annual Blessing of the Animals is back this year after a drive-thru event last year. You are invited to bring your beloved animals to receive a blessing at our outside service of Morning Prayer. With plenty of space on our wonderful front yard, you and your animals will be able enjoy the beauty of God's nature. The service will be short, with the emphasis on the individual blessings. There also will be a memorial wall to remember our beloved pets who are now in heaven with God. Feel free to bring pictures. Hospitality for humans and animals will follow the service.

Note: the 8:00 AM service will be an indoor service of Holy Communion without animals.