

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 15, 2024

Opening Hymn: #1 "The spacious firmament"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore, they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

The Psalm: Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How a great forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Sequence Anthem

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives.

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: remembering especially Nancy Bader (9/15), Francine Bloch(9/15), Christine Mangiafico (9/15), John Viklinetz (9/16), Robert ManWarren (9/20), Victoria Fisk (9/21), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Donna K.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs; *The Church of North India (United)*

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains, and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Marge Dill. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray this day?

Confession (*in unison*)

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The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn: 448 “O love how deep”

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*):

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father...
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-169

Musical score for Fraction Anthem S-169. The score is written on four staves of music. The first staff is labeled "CANTOR OR CHOIR" and begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second staff has two parts: "1 All" and "2 Cantor or Choir". The lyrics are: "deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my". The third staff has the lyrics: "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My". The fourth staff has the lyrics: "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score ends with a double bar line.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #522 "Glorious things of Thee are spoken"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly-elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs; *The Church of North India (United)*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Donna K., and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Marge Dill whose funeral was held on Saturday. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: remembering especially Francine Bloch (9/15), Christine Mangiafico (9/15), Nancy Bader (9/15), John Viklinetz (9/16), Robert ManWarren (9/20), Victoria Fisk (9/21)

Continuing Prayer List

Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

Community Dinner - This month we will have our especially delicious Turkey Dinner on September 21. More info to follow.