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St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ September 27, 2020 Morning Prayer

» *During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.*

» *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*

» *Before the service, the Officiant may make announcements.*

Video: Quarantine Portraits

The Officiant begins with an Opening Sentence:

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

Then all say together,

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant says,

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant says,

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

We sing the invitatory psalm on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Come, let us sing to God on high, the Rock of our sal
 2 For God is Lord a - bove all gods, the heights and depths are
 3 Let us bow down and wor - ship God, who is our Mak - er

va - tion praise; come with thanks - giv - ing to his courts
 in his hand; God made the sea and it is his
 and our Lord; we are his peo - ple and his sheep;

and joy - ful psalms be - fore him raise.
 God's hands have mold - ed the dry land.
 to - day, then, hear - ken to his word.

Words Christopher L. Webber (b. 1953), alt.; paraphrase of Psalm 95:1-7, *Venite exultemus Domino* • Music DUKE STREET, John Hatton (d. 1793)

Ministry Moment: Flower Guild

We chant Psalm 25:1-8, alternating low (I) and high (II) voices:

Antiphon - Cantor, then all repeat

Lead me in your truth, O Lord, and teach me.

Cantor *I*
 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;*

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph o - ver me.

II
 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;*

let the treacherous be disap-poin - ted in their schemes.

I
3 Show me your ways, O Lord,* and teach me your paths.

II
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

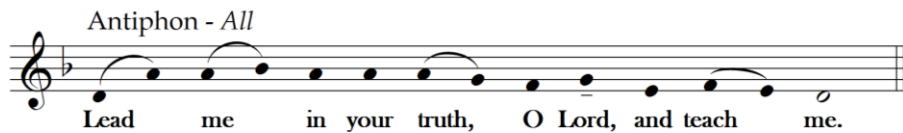
I
5 Remember, O Lord, your com - pas-sion and love,*
for they are from ev - er - las - ting.

II
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans - gres - sions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good - ness, O Lord.

I
7 Gra-cious and up - right is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sin - ners in his way.

II
8 He guides the hum - ble in do - ing right*
and teaches his way to the low - ly.

All
Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, * and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, * and will be for ev - er. A - men.



Setting Plainsong, tone 1

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-13

Here ends the reading.

We sing the canticle, A Song of Our Adoption:



Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus **Christ, ***
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly **places.**
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in **Christ, ***
that we should be holy and blameless **before you.**

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus **Christ, ***
according to the good pleasure of your **will,**
To the praise of your glorious **grace, ***
that you have freely given us in the **Beloved.**

In you, we have redemption through the blood of **Christ, ***
the forgiveness of our **sins,**
According to the riches of your **grace ***
which you have lavished **upon us.**

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and **insight, ***
the mystery of your **will,**
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in **Christ, ***
as a plan for the fullness of **time,**

Repeat second half of chant

To gather together all things in **Christ, ***
things in heaven and things on **earth.**

Words Ephesians 1:3-10 • Chant Dorothy J. Papadakos (b. 1960)

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

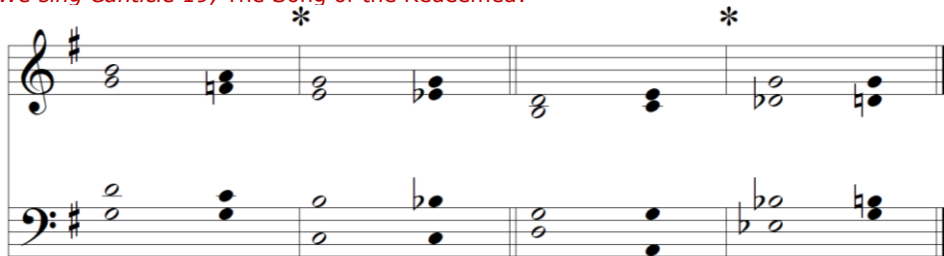
When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:23-32

Here ends the reading.

We sing Canticle 19, The Song of the Redeemed:



O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have **done**, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and **truth**, *
O King of all the **ages**.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your **Name**? *
for you only are the **Holy One**.

All nations will draw near and fall down **before you**, *
because your just and holy works have been **revealed**.

Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**, *
and to the Holy **Spirit**:
as it was in the beginning, is **now**, *
and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Words Revelation 15:3-4 • Chant Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

We affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

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.

Ministry moment: Cycle of Prayer

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

**your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Help us, O God our Savior;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We sing a hymn. Please sing boldly at home.



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. • Music KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Homily *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

The Officiant invites the People into a time of stillness for free prayer. Prayers may be offered silently, aloud at home, or using Zoom's chat feature.

The prayers conclude with A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, said by the Officiant:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Ministry moment: St. Paul's Youth (SPY)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

+ *A brief closing voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.*

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Officiant Stannard Baker *Preacher* Greta Getlein *Cantor and pianist* Mark Howe
Readers Keith Pillsbury, Rose Bacon

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