
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 19, 2021

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning. If you're new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There's no such thing as a stupid question. We've all been new at some point, and as the old adage goes, "we're all just walking each other home" one step at a time.

About Our Worship: This service may look and feel different than that which you have previously experienced.

As Christians in the Episcopal (episcopal=church with bishops) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the Book of Comm Prayer (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. These prayers have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story." The liturgy makes worship something the whole community does, not just the minister up front. Who we are and what we bring is enough because we are assured that God delights in our worship! You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times. Masks must be worn by all those above the age of two. We will not be passing an offering plate, though there is an offering box available for use on the Welcome Table.

PRELUDE

Orison

Gordon Young

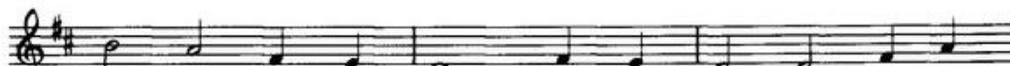
OPENING HYMN

Come thou fount of every blessing

vv. 1,2



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



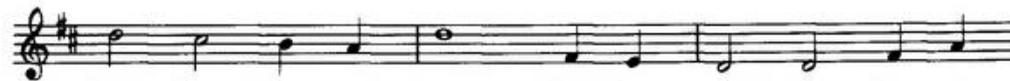
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Officiant Let us pray.
All 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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

v.1

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;"

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove."

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Give us, we pray you gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good in others and a heart of love; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

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

Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask.

You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Psalm 54*

Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 9:30-37*

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

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

From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Steve Seely

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed, the Church’s central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus’ divinity. The Latin root of the phrase “we believe” (credo) means to “give one’s heart.” The creed is our way of affirming who is deserving of our heart amidst fear and doubt. The term apostolic refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term “catholic” refers to the universal church throughout the world.

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:

All

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

Intercessor

We look to you, O God, to teach us how to be whom you created us to be. Shine your light on the path ahead. Catch us when we take a wrong turn, and by your Spirit, move us in the right direction.

We are your children; **teach us how to live, O God.**

We yearn for peace but are constantly at war with ourselves, our neighbors, and the nations throughout the world.

We are your children; **teach us how to make peace, O God.**

We, your church, are easily distracted by things that don't matter. Turn our eyes to you; open our hearts to you; deepen our love of you. Bless our bishops, priests and deacons. May we teach each other how to walk in love. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville; St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville; and the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21). Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.

We are your children; **teach us how to serve you, O God.**

Our bodies ache, our spirits are restless, and our minds grow weary with constant worry. Lead us to a place of wholeness and make each of us agents of healing in this world. We pray for those who have asked prayers today: **Mother Maria, The Vestry, Tony, John, Mary, Dorothy, Bob, Laurie, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom, Rosemary, Kimberly, Phil, Dennis, Bob, Kevin, John, Joe, Turk, and Kathleen.**

We are your children; **teach us how to trust in your healing embrace.**

When our dear one dies, we ask that you receive them into your eternal kingdom as promised. We pray today for the repose of Chief Billy Redwing Tayac, recently departed. Assure those who grieve that you will not leave them desolate in their sorrow but hold their loved one close to your heart.

We are your children; **teach us the way home to you.**

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud. The Celebrant will add a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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

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.**

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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your wisdom and humility are the source of true greatness and you draw near to all who draw near to you.

Like a woman planting a garden, you set out and tended the newborn earth, and like one who sets food before her family, you nourished us with the fruits of the earth and the wise teachings of your Word.

In every age you have revealed your wisdom to the humble and insignificant ones and hidden it from the arrogant and violent. In your Son, Jesus, you showed us that true greatness is known in servanthood, and that the way of wisdom is found in childlike simplicity.

Betrayed into hostile hands and killed, he rose again and called us to follow him, putting aside selfish ambitions and walking in the ways of peace, mercy and humility.

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:

**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.

Holy and gracious God: 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.

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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All those who are baptized, as well as those who yearn to be fed with Christ's grace, are welcome at this table. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. The Celebrant will bring the bread to your seat. Please stand to receive the consecrated bread.

1 Be still, my soul: your Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children, With My Blessing

vv.1,3

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the hymn.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "St. Denio"

Gordon Young

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, The Vestry, Tony Hackley, John Mathews, Mary Fugate, Dorothy Moore, Bob Ferguson, Laurie Jaffe, Regathering Team, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Kimberly D., Phil H., Jr., Dennis W., Bob C., Kevin B., John M., Joe R., Turk J., Kathleen B.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Luke Smith

Dearly Departed: Chief Billy Redwing Tayac

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville; St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville; United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21). Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.

Community and World: For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: send an email to Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, you give life and, in your Word, it is beautiful. Thank you for this new day. In each coming hour, help me to see beneath the ever-present difficulties and superficial joys into the mysteries that you have set out for your people. Guide me toward those I meet today in a way that welcomes them and, in turn, grants me a welcome, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

This day is nearly over, Merciful God, and I am tired. I have been unable to do all that I had hoped; I have done some things I would take back if I could. Forgive me for my failures. Bring me into the warmth and security of your embrace now, and fill me with new vision so that I may rest and rise to meet tomorrow with vigor, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Elaine Miller
In memory of Richard Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND BACKPACKS

We are gearing up to start our weekend backpacks of food for our neighbors at Eva Turner Elementary. For the month of September, we are collecting packages of **microwavable noodles (e.g., Ramen noodles), peanut butter, and jelly**. We will begin packing backpacks in October. If you are interested in serving on the rotation of volunteers who help pack the backpacks each week, please email Joyce Scofield at rjscofield@comcast.net.

SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Meetings will be held on Zoom. There will be an informational meeting for the next Sacred Ground Circle on **Thursday, October 7**. We will meet bi-weekly for 10 sessions beginning in October. For more information, you can read about the program on the Episcopal Church website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about/>. If you want to sign up or have questions, please contact: Mike Fritz - michaelf1119@gmail.com or Sewell Truitte – struitte@gmail.com.

PRAYER BUDDIES

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning how they can support our children and youth. Your presence is needed! The Prayer Buddy ministry is designed to build intergenerational relationships through prayer and friendship. Interested adult parishioners will be paired with a child or teen for the school year and covenant to pray for their buddy and their family each day. Several times a year, we will host activities for prayer buddies to come together for food, fellowship, and fun. If you are interested in serving as a Prayer Buddy, please email Mother Maria. *Prayer Buddies must complete Child Abuse Presentation training, which can now be conducted entirely online.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Please go online to Ministry Scheduler Pro and update your availability for the month of October. The new schedule will be generated this week.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 22

8:00 p.m. AA

Friday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 25

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, September 26, The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, Zoom

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II – in person

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	September 19, 9 a.m. Zoom	September 19, 10:15 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown	Greg Ferguson
Lector	Claire Hamilton	Jenna Monroe
Psalm	Page Hamilton	Jerry Corbett
Tech Verger	Barry Hamilton	
Altar Guild	Ann Lancaster Cathy Lavender	
	September 26, 9 a.m. Zoom	September 26, 10:15 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Terrance Frierson	Sewell Truitte
Lector	Sub Requested	Paula Truitte
Psalm	Femi Frierson	Troy Pettersen
Tech Verger	Sewell Truitte	
Altar Guild	Mary Fenton Judy Hamilton	
Counters	Greg Ferguson Joe Guy Phil Hamilton	

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