

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 YEAR A – PROPER 21
 SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher for assistance.)

Prelude
 Opening Prayer
 Opening Hymn: *God of grace and God of glory* Hymn 594
 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II BCP 355
 Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
 The Gloria *(read aloud in unison)* BCP 356
 The Collect of the Day *(read aloud in unison)*
 The Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
(silence)
 Psalm 25:1-8 *(said in unison)*
 The Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13 *Response: Thanks be to God.*
(silence)
 Sequence Hymn: *Lord, be thy word my rule* Hymn 626
 Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
 The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32
 After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*
 Sermon The Rev Ernestein C. Flemister
(silence)
 The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90) BCP 358
 The Prayers of the People, Form I BCP 383
 The Peace (Large Print page 98)
 The Offertory

Communion Hymn: *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing* Hymn 334
 Announcements
 Post-communion Prayer BCP 365
 The Blessing
 Closing Hymn: *I sing a song of the saints of God* Hymn 293
 The Dismissal
 Postlude

TODAY IS SUNDAY, September 27

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 21
 9:00 Holy Eucharist – outside, weather permitting
 10:15 Choir Practice

MONDAY, September 28

9:00 Needle & Thread
 6:30 Daughters of the King

TUESDAY, September 29

St. Michael and All Angels
 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Elmer's
 11-1 St. Anne's Catholic Church Food Box Program

WEDNESDAY, September 30

12:15 Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
 5:30 Choir Practice
 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 4

9:00 Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals – outside on front lawn
 10:15 Choir Practice

Doxology (said in unison) updated words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise **God**, all creatures here below,
 Praise **God** above ye heavenly host,
Praise triune God, whom we adore.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367
Sanctus (said in unison) BCP 367
 The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)* (Large Print page 110) BCP 364

is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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.”

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TRACK TWO

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COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

THE WORD OF THE LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? “As I live,” says the Lord God, “this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness

they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord God. “Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,” says the Lord God. “Turn, then, and live.”

Refrain

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Psalm 25:1-8 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| <p>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 over me.</p> <p>2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be</p> | <p>disappointed in their schemes.</p> <p>3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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| <p>5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.</p> <p>6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.</p> | <p>7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.</p> <p>8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.</p> |
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SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:1-13*

IF 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