

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2020, 10:30 am

The Word of God

PRELUDE

“Oceans”

Hillsong United

PROCESSIONAL

“Sanctuary”

John W. Thompson

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

THE GLORIA (Sung)

Glory 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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

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.*
People: Amen.

THE LESSONS

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

THE FIRST READING (seated)

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Stella Sanson

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading

THE PSALM (In Unison)

Psalm 25:1-8

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Ad te, Domine, levavi

- ¹ **T**o 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.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 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.
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

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.

⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Stella Sanson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA (Sung)

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

The Very Rev. AJ Heine, Jr.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE ALLELUIA (Sung)

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. AJ Heine, Jr.

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

THE NICENE CREED

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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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence*

*For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

*For our President, Donald; our Governor, John Bel; our Parish President, Cynthia; for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

*For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

*For the church in the Diocese of Louisiana, the Diocese of Honduras, St. Augustine's Pre-School, and for our partners in mission: Church of the Holy Spirit, Tela; and Bissonet Plaza Elementary School; for the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

*For The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana; The Clergy of our Parish; Benjamin, our seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.*

*For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Ara Vining, Jared Rogers, Judy, Trudy, Nettie, Aleta, Greer, Debbie Means, Wendy Womack, Francis Allen, Mary Servia, Doris Dupuy, Mike, Jennifer, Stephanie & Irwin Royes, Carol Britt, Kris Hartnell, Joey P., Renee Verver, Wayne Brown, those affected by COVID-19, Health Care Workers, first responders, those serving in the military, all those persecuted for their faith; and anyone we now name, either silently or aloud (pause)
Hear us, Lord
For your mercy is great*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (pause) especially for those members of St. Augustine's celebrating their birthday this week: Alan Dixon, Stephanie Anne Pecquet, Jane Kennedy, Wayne Brown, Ken Roy, Christina Billedeau, Nathan Billedeau, and Jennifer Smith.

*We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, (pause) those murdered in our community this week (pause), and for any you wish to name silently or aloud (pause) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.*

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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 thy Name. **Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Very Rev. AJ Heine, Jr.*

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on pages 343-344, or with some other sentence of Scripture

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung

THE PRESENTATION (In Unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people stand. The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept

The following anthem may be sung

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Behold what you are. May we become what we receive.

Please come forward, collect a paper cup with the Sacrament, return to your pew, and wait until everyone is ready to receive Holy Communion

THE ST. AUGUSTINE'S COMMUNION PRAYER

There's a short liturgy from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book, which includes this prayer, called an "Act of Reception." If you are watching the Sunday morning celebration of Holy Communion, consider praying this during the time when you would normally be coming to the altar rail to receive Communion

ACT OF RECEPTION

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Levas #151
“One Bread, One Body”

John B. Foley, SJ

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL

Levas #194
“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Doris M. Akers

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation”

Chase Ludeau

OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR: Ted, Kathleen, Joyce & Roy Lilly, Lori Andras, Chris and Ann Nick, Lurline Bernadas, Rowen and Finn Scharwath, Carol Grenn, Laurie Wogan, Edgar and Eleanor Walker, Billy Knapp, Ava, Paul Armstrong, Bill Carter, Leah Eskine, and Bobbie Sharp.

THE BLESSINGS OF THIS LIFE: *The decorations on the altar today are given to the glory of Almighty God, and in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren, by Jane Ard.*

Serving this Sunday:

Charlene Hibbs, Usher; Margo Esquivel, Priest Server; Kyla Wilson & Kenzlie Wilson, Torches