



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 27, 2020

### Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

**Prelude**

*Nettleton*

arranged by Charles Callahan

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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. Alleluia.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

### **Jubilate *Psalm 100***

*Officiant and People*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**

**go into his courts with praise; \***

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good;**

**his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

### **Psalm 25:1-8**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

- 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.**
- 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.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*It is well with my soul*  
Brad Logan, soloist

Philip P. Bliss

**A Reading from the Gospel of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

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 this community, the nation, and the world; for those in our Armed Forces. **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 peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the people and clergy of St. Michael's, Bristol. **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: We pray especially for Paula A., Mike, Janet Kitchen, Robert Turner, Christopher Gormley, Arlene & Bill Dubois, Joanie B., Doreen Gardner, Kerri Turgeon, Samantha Mossey, Sophia Martin, Don B., "C", George Graham, Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, Gary & Cindy M., Kathy L., Lou R., Kenneth Hunter, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, James Watts, III, Paula Thompson, Michael Joliceur, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Cole R., Kate & Callie, Bill, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Paul M., Peter W. & Nancy W., Don & Mary S., Richard Fogarty, Jackie Hudson, John Grimley, Katarina Ruda, Larry Wezjen, Jim T., Sam Hopp, David Rodriguez, Samantha Simas, Roz, Mike Bermingham, Michael Tonry, Susan Davis and Nancy Sachuk.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Millicent Mali and Ferdinando Torrice and their family and friends in their time of grief.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

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

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.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

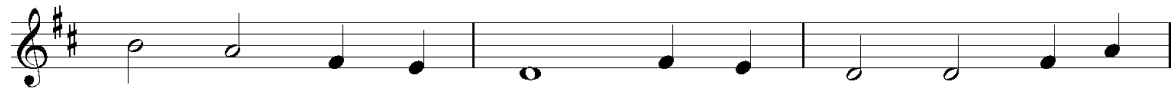
People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

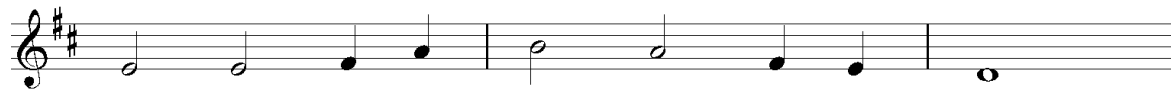
## Closing Hymn 686



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



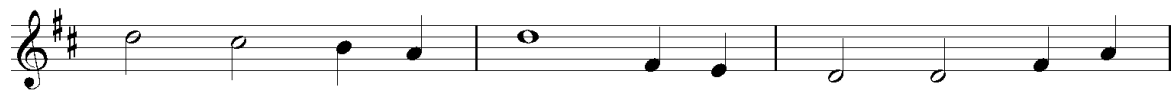
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



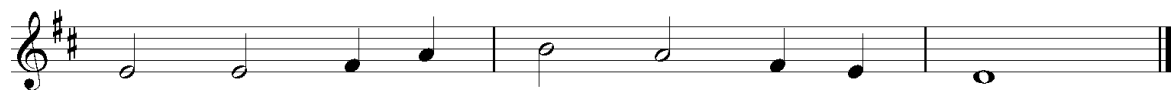
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



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.



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Soloist	Brad Logan
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