

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

September 24, 2023

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer. be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams, tr. Peter Williams
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because

he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." and as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
 and a fire to give light in the night season.
 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
 and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
 so the river ran in the dry places.
 42 For God remembered his holy word *
 and Abraham his servant.
 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
 his chosen with shouts of joy.
 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
 and they took the fruit of others' toil,
 45 That they might keep his statutes *
 and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

For thy dear saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

They all in life and death, with thee their Lord in view,
learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love.

Jesus, thy Name we bless and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness who lived and died for thee.

Words: Richard Mant Music: St. George, Henry John Gauntlett

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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

All remain standing.

Sisters and brothers, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, "Lead us with gladness, O God; cover us with shouts of joy."

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of you kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you make rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

People: Cover us with shouts of joy!

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People together say

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.

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.

All stand.

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 660

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden
Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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 kneel. 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 to 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.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

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

A period of silence is kept.

*[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*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.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 309

O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven,
O manna from on high! We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side! We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.

O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is risen,
we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

Words: tr. John Athelstan Lurie Riley

Music: O Welt, Ich Muss Dich, Heinrich Isaac, harm. J.S. Bach

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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 priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 527

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann
Music: *Tony Botel*; Thomas John Williams

The Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

September 24, 2023

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Diocese of Central Florida ...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Members and Ministry of the Committee on Health and Safety in the Church ...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Christian Education Staff ...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Judy Curran 9/24;

For those Celebrating Anniversaries this week

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Veronica, Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Leslie & Chris, Marlene, Benadette, Joseph, Dot, Renee, Julia, Olivia, Evelyn, Bea, Lisa, Craig, David, Amanda, Rita, John, Lyn, Hank, Sue, Nicole, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, Lois M., Colleen, David, Sylvia, Joe, Gus...

PLEASE WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein who is with us again this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES:

Mark your calendars for the following fall events coming soon.

- September 30 – St Francis Blessing of Animals and Holy Trinity's participation in Collingswood's Porch Fest.
- October 1 – Sunday School & Youth Fellowship, 4:00 p.m.
- October 7 – The Collingswood Book Fair

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - We had such a great time last year that our Sunday School and Youth Fellowship program will return! We'll meet from 4:00 to 5:30 on two Sunday afternoons per month. Activities will include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. Our first session will be held on Sunday, October 1st. If you are interested in helping or have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, please contact Theresa Chattin.

GETTING READY FOR BOOKFAIR!!! On Saturday, October 7th Collingswood will hold its annual Book Festival and Holy Trinity will be there. **Our used book sale will be held on the plaza beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Setup begins at 8:00 a.m.) Set-up help, clean-up help, and help during the day are needed!** Please sign up at the back of the church or call/email the church to indicate when you are available to help. Contact Carol Staszewski if you need more information. **USED BOOKS** in good condition **are REALLY NEEDED** for the sale!! Please drop them off at the church any time before the sale.

TASK FORCE TO THE FUTURE - May we borrow a few good ideas and a little of your time? We want to grow our congregation and need your help. Every member of our Holy Trinity family is invited to join this task force. Don't be shy, we need you. If you'd like to hear more or consider joining the force, contact Ron Woods or chat with him at coffee hour.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER - During the Month of September we will still be collecting Canned Fruits and Juices for the Collingswood Food Pantry. If you have Pasta and Sauces left over from July and August we'll still take them too! Please leave your donations in the tower. We'll deliver them at the end of the month.

DONATIONS ALWAYS BEING ACCEPTED – Please continue donating your unwanted items to Holy Trinity for our 2023 sales events. Throughout the year, we will be collecting gently used seasonal decorations, jewelry, handbags, books, puzzles, household items, etc. (No clothing or shoes) Please mark your donation as “Yard Sale”. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? Call Carol – 856-858-5909.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For more information call Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

PLEASE SEE ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2023– located at the back of the Church. Please sign-up if interested. The cost is \$45.00. If you would like to share the expense with someone else this request is also available.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website and send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued faithful giving.

**Bring Your Pets and
Join us for the Annual...**



**St. Francis Day
Blessing of Animals
At Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church**

**Saturday,
September 30
Service at
10:30 a.m.**

St. Francis has always been remembered most
for his great love of the animals,
whom he called his “brothers and sisters.”
The Feast of St. Francis is an opportunity for us to ask
for God’s blessing on the pets who so enrich our lives.

**This is a great event to share -
why not invite a friend or neighbor?**

Refreshments and “treats” for everyone will be served after the
service and an offering will be taken to benefit local animal shelters.
The blessing of pets will be held in the church yard, if the weather
permits, in the Great Hall if it doesn’t. All pets are welcome for the
service and blessing. Children are also invited to bring any
cherished, stuffed animals that might be in need of a blessing.

