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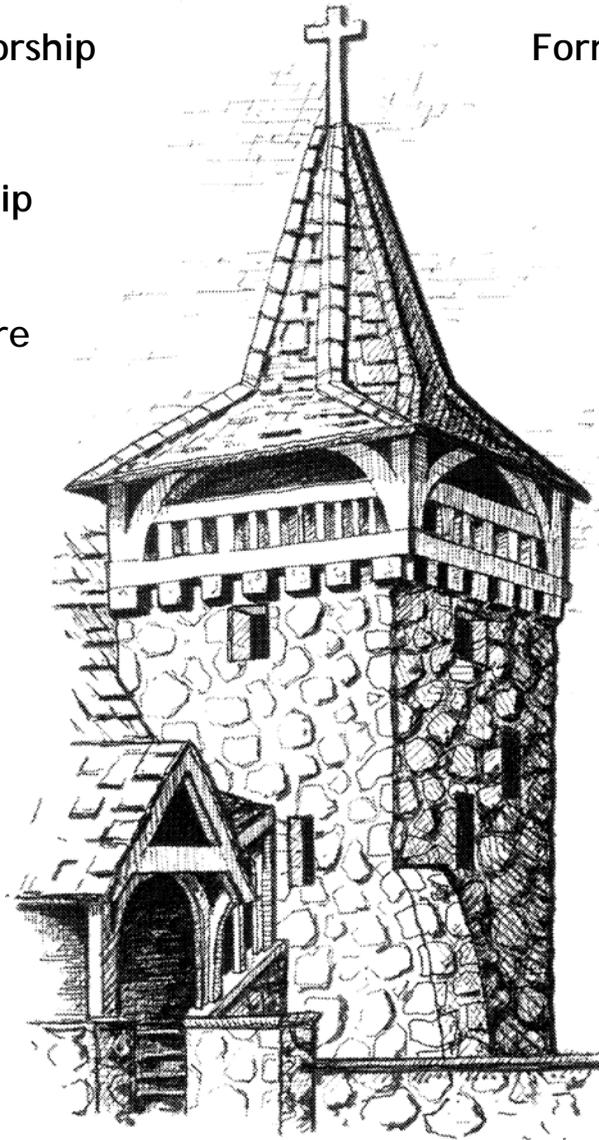
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# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal.*

Voluntary: Le Prie – Dieu

George Oldroyd

*The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing*

**The Processional Hymn No. 360**

ROUEN

## The Word of God

**Prayer Book page # 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*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.**

*The hymn is sung, all standing* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** *(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-278”)*

**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

**Prayer Book page # 234**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

## ***A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (1:1-6)***

***The Gradual Psalm 137 Super flumina***

**Prayer Book page # 792**

*The congregation is invited to sing with the choir the psalm in Anglican chant.*

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \* when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up \* on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song \* upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \* let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, \*  
who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \* and dashes them against the rock!

## ***A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:1-14)***

*The People stand and sing*

**The Sequence Hymn No. 671**

NEW BRITAIN

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

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:5-10)***

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

*After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael Bamberger*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**Prayer Book page # 358**

**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

*The prayers are led today by the deacon. The deacon and people pray responsively,*

*The deacon begins.* Blessed are you, eternal God,

*People:* **to be praised and glorified for ever.**

*Deacon:* Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: we pray for our Bishop and our clergy

*People:* **make us all one, that the world may believe.**

*Deacon:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; Lord:

*People:* **assist us that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

*Deacon:* Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world: especially \_\_\_\_\_, Lord:

*People:* **guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

*Deacon:* Make us alive to the needs of our community and our nation: especially \_\_\_\_\_, Lord:

*People:* **help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

*Deacon:* Look with kindness upon our homes and families and loved ones: we remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries \_\_\_\_\_, Lord,

*People:* **grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

*Deacon:* Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble: especially \_\_\_\_\_, Lord:

*People:* **in your presence may they find their strength.**

*Deacon:* We remember \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who have died:

*People:* **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

*Deacon:* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

*People:* **bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Deacon:* We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

Through the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

**Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be sung:*

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

setting: Harold Friedell

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following*

Refrain  
Congregation

(Organ) All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we giv - en Thee.

CHOIR:  
Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy  
and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual  
worship.

Congregation  
repeat Refrain

(Organ)

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")

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. (Here a proper preface is sung.) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-128")

**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 remain standing, 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.

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: *(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-135”)*

*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*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-119”)*

**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

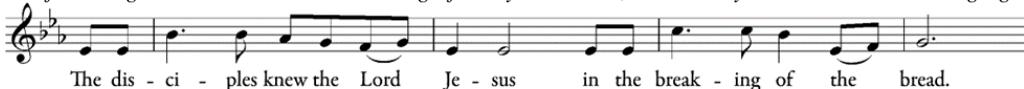
Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-152”)*

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

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung - first by the cantor, and then by the cantor and the congregation*



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. (Please keep in mind that our chalices are made of precious metals which have an anti-microbial quality. Also, we use sacramental wine which is higher in alcohol content. After each person receives, the chalice is turned and wiped with the linen called a purificator.) A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruets. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.** (From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

*After Communion, the people stand and sing*

**Hymn No. 655**

NYLAND

*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.**

**Prayer Book page # 365**

*The people then stand and sing*

**The Final Hymn No. 535**

PADERBORN

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **People Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.*

*Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.*



*The Altar Flowers are given this week by Beth Smith-Kellock in memory of Olive Gerry.  
The Sanctuary Candle is given this week by Beverly Clifton in thanksgiving for Alan Clifton's birthday.*

*Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour following both services.*

# Announcements for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 2, 2022

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will be meet this Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Domenico's Italian Restaurant - 236 W Huntington Dr, Monrovia, CA 91016. Please RSVP to Lynne Holl at [pugowners@roadrunner.com](mailto:pugowners@roadrunner.com) or Lynne's cell phone # 626-437-8219. All are welcome.

**THE MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON** will meet at noon, Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Nano Cafe, 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre - 626-325-3334. Please RSVP to Deacon Ed.

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person in the Parish Hall. The group usually meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

**THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** will be held today at 11:45a.m. The Youth Group will provide pet care during the 10:15 service.

**THE THURSDAY 8:15 MASS IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK.** Father Michael will be out of town.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):

**10/3 – George Kennedy Allen Bell** (*Bishop of Chichester and ecumenist, 1958*) and **John Raleigh Mott** (*Evangelist and ecumenist, 1955*) **10/4 – Francis of Assisi** (*Friar, 1226*) **10/6 – William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale** (*Translators of the Bible, 1536 & 1568*) **10/7 – Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg** (*Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787*) **10/8 – William Bliss** (*Priest, 1926*) and **Richard Ely** (*Economist, 1943*)

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski  
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

*Director of Music and Organist:* Mr. Robert Williamson; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Cameron Cox; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson

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