

TRINITY

The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 27, 2020

Welcome & Technical Info

The Rev. Lawrence B. Weeks

Prelude

Nell Britton

Opening Hymn #379 “God is love”

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Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. As you showed mercy to your people of old, pour out your mercy on us, so that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.** Church of Province of Southern Africa alt

The Lessons

A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7

Read by Steve Pollock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people*

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Read by Fiona Larsson

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32
The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

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The Gospel of the Lord

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

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Prayers of the People

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Led by Kris Lemay

The Leader and People pray responsively

Peoples responses in bold

Leader: Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Thomas, and all priests and deacons. In our Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Trustees, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and other decision-making bodies of the Diocese of Maine, and for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Father, enliven the Church and breathe fresh life into your people. **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

We pray for the community. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others and give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need, especially those listed *below.

Leader: please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers.

(Unmute your microphone and name those people and concerns for whom we should pray. Then mute your microphone again.)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love.**

***Names on Prayer List**

Bev Richter, Evelyn Dunn, Amanda Louton, Virginia Vaillancourt, Maxine Gildred, Lois & Gail Butterfield, Jim Rhudy, Tammy-Beth Montgomery, Ellie, Tara and Mike Walters, Donna & Normand Lum, Barbara Robery, Cathy James, Mary Ann Butson, Max, Sarah & Ryan, Annabelle, Paula Berry, Mary McDonnell, Dorothy Lomas, Anne Powell, Kathy Stead, Susan Winslow, Kim Grey, Tom Berry, Nancy W. Atkinson, Virginia Reid, Evelyn Thurston, Angelika & Abraham Schechter, Pam Brown, Vicky Stevens, Carlla Potts, Ann Shea, Roger Morin, and Clive and Pat Whitton.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. Especially (names).. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. Lord, hear our prayer... **And let our cry come to you.**

Leader: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **AMEN**

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

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**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**

Announcements

The Blessing

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The Closing Hymn #383 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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Please stay around for Zoom Coffee Hour