



St. Edmund's
Episcopal Church

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist with the Prayer for Spiritual Communion
September 27th, 2020
Ten o'clock in the morning

Prelude

Prelude in the Classic Style

Gordon Young

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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.

All join in singing the hymn

Hymn 679

THOMAS MERTON



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing to spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.***

Lesson from Hebrew Scripture Exodus 17:1-7

The Lector says A reading from the Book of Exodus

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?”

The Lector says The word of the Lord. *The People respond* Thanks be to God.

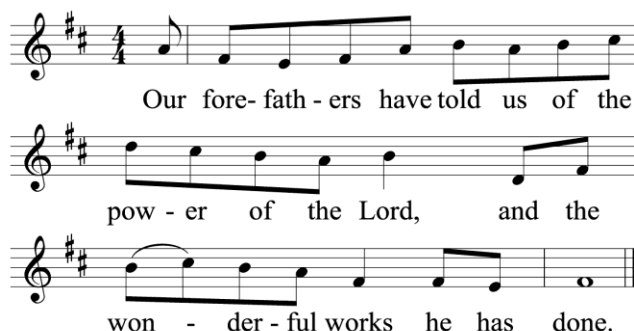
A period of silent reflection follows the reading

The people join in singing the refrain

Psalm 78 – (1-4, 12-16)

Hawthorne

Refrain:



Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. (**Refrain**)

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers. (*Refrain*)

The Epistle Philippians 2:1-13

The Lector says A reading from Paul's letter 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 Lector says The word of the Lord. *The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield,
Rector

All say together

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 became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Written by
The Rev. Deacon Mark Dawson

Let us pray.

O God of Grace, imbue your Church with your Spirit so we can respond to the needs present in this moment, and so complete the mission you have entrusted into our hands.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Justice, in these times when wise leadership is so needed, give us, your citizens of the Reign of God, the courage to challenge and demand better and best, for all.

O God, join us in your justice.

O God of Mercy, who knows the movement of every creature, remind us of our responsibility to be good stewards of the bounty you have so generously shared with us.

O God, make us of your mercy.

O God of Grace, look over all those on the front lines of the fires still burning, and those fighting this global pandemic; keep the firefighters and care-givers safe; give wisdom to the researchers and scientists; heal the sick.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Mercy, who promises comfort to those who grieve and presence to those who celebrate, draw near to those we name before you [*petitions are offered*].

O God, make us of your mercy.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: Grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 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 and greet each other in the name of Christ.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A
Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS S-130

SCHUBERT

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, 1. might, 2. hea - ven and earth are full, Bless - ed is he who comes full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all 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 Fraction

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

Celebrant Let us pray together,
**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.**

Anthem How Can I Keep From Singing – *Robert Lowry*
Joseph Garate, *Tenor*

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin
I see the blue above it
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it,

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing
For all things are mine since I am his
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with your spiritual presence through the body and blood of your son our savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Rejoice Greatly, Daughter of Zion

Marcel Dupré

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***The flowers and candles on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God
By St. Edmund's Altar Guild.***

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office@saintedmunds.org. We will get back to you to answer any questions you may have about
St. Edmunds.

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Annual Fall Fundraiser

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual fall online fundraiser on September 27th! Invites went out in the mail. If you did not receive an invitation let us know!

Socially Distanced Outdoor Eucharist-- 9am Sundays

We are monitoring weekly the air quality due to the proximity of the Bobcat fire to our neighborhood. We will send out emails by Friday weekly whether or not there will be a Sunday Outdoor service. **Please let us know you will be attending and see detailed information about guidelines and attendance by registering online at <https://saintedmunds.org/outdoor-services/>.** Registering helps us prepare socially distanced seating and provides us with the information we need to have adequate contact tracing information.

Don't forget to Join us weeknights for *Compline*

The service of *Compline* is offered on the Saint Edmunds Facebook page live Monday thru Friday from 7:30pm-7:45pm. This is a short prayer service found in The Book of Common Prayer (p. 127) meant to provide peace and assurance of God's presence as we begin to settle in for the evening. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer, download a pdf version here: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Celebrant & Preacher*
The Rev. Canon Judith Heffron, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*
The Rev. Heather Blackstone UCC, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Robert Hovencamp, *Organist/Choir Master*

Members of the St. Edmund's Choir

Rebecca Tomlinson, Kelly Krantz, Joseph Garate, Tim Smith

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

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