

**Welcome to our Sunday Worship**  
**September 19, 2021      9:00 A.M. EOW**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

With utmost concern for all in our diocese,  
***Bishop Smith has decided that masks once again should be worn  
by all individuals for all indoor gatherings.***  
*Masks are available in the Narthex or ask the Ushers for one. Thank you.*

**PRELUDE**      *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*      G.F. Handel

*(Please remain seated as we sing)*

*Surely the Presence*

Worship #131

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*(Please stand)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*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**

**TRISAGION**

Hymnal #S 102

**Holy God**

**Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**The First Reading:** *(Lector)* A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

*This is one of the few Old Testament passages to give prominence to the role of women in ancient Israel. As pictured here, the supremely efficient homemaker receives the praise of her husband and children. It is definitely not in keeping with contemporary views emphasizing equality and the sharing of home and family responsibilities. Yet there is something very relevant to our time in the last two verses.*

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 1**

*This psalm is actually the introduction to the whole Psalter. It sets forth the theme of the whole collection of Israel's religious poetry and hymnody as "a book for the pious."*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**The Second Reading:** (*Lector*) A reading from the Book of the prophet James.

*This little collection of sayings springs straight from Israel's tradition of moral wisdom. It may also be inspired by lists of virtues and contrasting vices similar to those found in Greek moral philosophy of the late centuries BCE. True to Israel's religious heritage, however, their real source was a spiritual relationship with God.*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. [3:13-4:3, 7-8a]

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Celtic Alleluia:**

Worship # 736

**THE GOSPEL** (*Please stand*)

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Bound for Jerusalem, Jesus continued teaching his disciples that the cross would be his inevitable death. Now that they knew he was the Messiah, however, they had another agenda.*

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

[9:30-37]

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Celtic Alleluia:**

Worship # 736

**SERMON** (*Please be seated*)

**NICENE CREED** (*Please stand*)

**We believe in one God, the Father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 III** (*Please stand or kneel*)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

We give thanks for those having birthdays this week: especially Buddy Jackson, Van Geoghegan, and Carol Wood, and all those celebrating anniversaries.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, Tom our Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe our President, Ron our Governor, our county commissioners, and for all who advise them, and for those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for this parish of St. Paul's, our vestry, staff and ministries. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for [\_\_\_\_, and] all those on our parish prayer list.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray especially for [\_\_\_\_, and] all those close to us who have died.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Silence, people may add their own petitions)*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**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.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* 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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** (*Please stand*)

**OFFERTORY** (*Please be seated during hymn*)                      Worship # 587

*Make me a channel of your peace*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Doxology (*Please stand*)

Hymnal #380 v 3

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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:* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant & People sing: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*                      Worship # 738

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*(The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues)*

*Celebrant:* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Paul, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN**

*Celebrant & People sing:*

***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray.

Celebrant & People sing: *The Lord's Prayer*                      Worship #740

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant & People sing:*

Fraction Anthem      *Eat This Bread*

Worship #697 (ref x 2)

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.***

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

## **COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead, please fold your hands across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Instrumental*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please stand or kneel)*

***Celebrant and People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## **BLESSING**

***Celebrant:*** And finally my brothers and sisters, live in harmony and with compassion. Show kindness and humility. Return no evil nor slander but return blessings to all. Bless and do not curse for such is your call in Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shall be with you this day and all the days of your life.

## **CLOSING HYMN** *(Please stand)*

Worship # 469

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***Celebrant and People: Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of St. Paul's truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

*The Celebrant issues the DISMISSAL*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*A Hymn of Joyfulness*

Stanley Winn

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Trinity Hall, after the service.

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**Today's 9:00 a.m. Worship Leaders:** *Celebrant & Homilist:* The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thoeni, *Eucharistic Ministers:* Judy Cimaglia, *Lector & Intercessor:* Van Geoghegan, *Music Director / Organist:* Eleanor Phelps, *Ushers:* Judy Martin & Dick Breithaupt, *Greeter:* Katie Judnich

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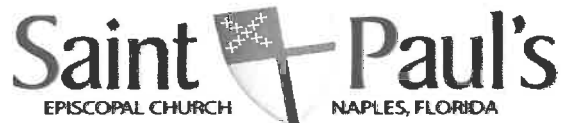
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5 pm Worship in Creole

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