

# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. | SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## The Word of God

### PRELUDE

*Intrada on "Lobe den Herren"*

Michael Burkhardt

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (stanzas 1 and 4)

Hymnal 390

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People*      And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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.*

## FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-31

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

<sup>10</sup>A capable wife who can find?  
 She is far more precious than jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
 and he will have no lack of gain.  
<sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not harm,  
 all the days of her life.  
<sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax,  
 and works with willing hands.  
<sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant,  
 she brings her food from far away.  
<sup>15</sup>She rises while it is still night  
 and provides food for her household  
 and tasks for her servant-girls.  
<sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it;  
 with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
<sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength,  
 and makes her arms strong.  
<sup>18</sup>She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
 Her lamp does not go out at night.  
<sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to the distaff,  
 and her hands hold the spindle.  
<sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor,  
 and reaches out her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup>She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
 for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
<sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings;  
 her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
<sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the city gates,  
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
<sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them;  
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
<sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
<sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
<sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her happy;  
 her husband too, and he praises her:  
<sup>29</sup>“Many women have done excellently,  
 but you surpass them all.”  
<sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
<sup>31</sup>Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
 and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

<sup>1</sup>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!  
<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
 and they meditate on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; \*  
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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

## SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*How firm a foundation* (stanzas 1 and 5)

Hymnal 636

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*                    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>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.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

## THE SERMON

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed, [especially...], eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## CONFESSON OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.*

## THE PEACE

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*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
Angela Tipps, soloist; Allison Blumenthal, pianist

Stuart Townend

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

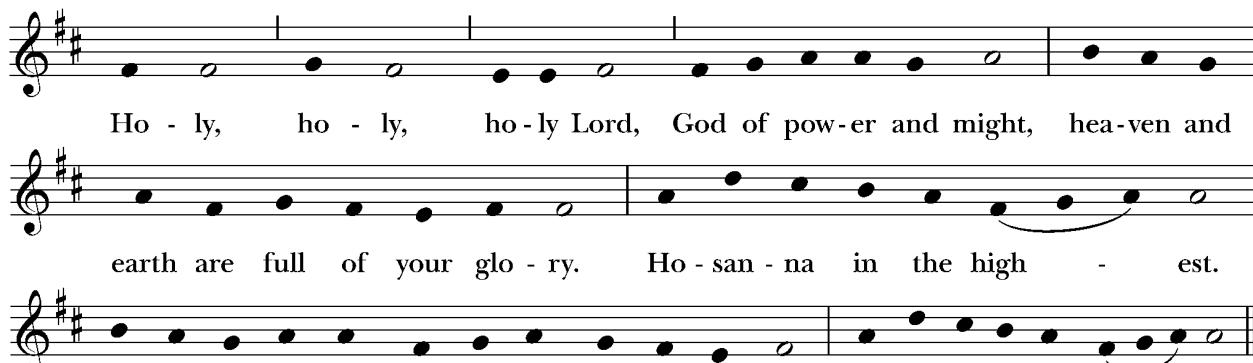
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*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 said.]*

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:



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

*The People stand or 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.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

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*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, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**COMMUNION MUSIC***If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Hymnal 635

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious 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 for ever. Amen.

**BLESSING****POST-COMMUNION HYMN***All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine* (stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

Hymnal 477

**DISMISSAL**

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*Priest*                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE***Voluntary on “Engelberg”*

Charles Callahan

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**FLOWER DEDICATION**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Aidan Hay,  
who is much loved and missed, by the Hay family.*

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

**We remember those in need of healing and relief from pain including:**

**Those with cancer:** Brandy, Bill, Eric B., Mary Catherine, Sandy, Sarah and Sheila.

**For those in cancer remission:** Andie and Zanie.

**Those healing from Surgery:** Catherine Ann and Tim.

**Those experiencing a mental health issue.**

**Those with other needs:** Ann A., Ashlynn, Ann N., Barbara, Beth, Byron, Calvin, Carney, Claire, David, Dillon, Dylan, Gene, James, Jane, Jerry, John, Kathy & Family, Krystina, Lorrie, Michael, Miller, Robbi, Shelby, and Will.

**Those imprisoned, including:** Abu-Ali/death row, Charles, Charlie, Chris, David, Dillon, Gregory, James, Jessie/death row, Joe, Keith, Linda S., Michael/death row, Oscar/death row, Pervis/death row, Quinten, Terrance, Tiffany, Tyrone, and Walter.

**Those experiencing homelessness, including:** Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jeri, Jessica, Kelly, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, and Tiffany.

**All veterans and those in military service and their families, including:** Benjamin, Brady, Chris G., Derrick, Elaine, Evan, Kaitlin, Nathan, Patrick, Trevor, and Zach.

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The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector  
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector

Thomas Becker, Seminarian

Angela Tipps, Organist and Director of Music  
Lectors: Marta Van Hoose, DeAnna Bartsch

Intercessor: Kris McCusker

Chalice Bearers: Thomas Becker, Gina Garner

Acolytes: Molly Bartsch, Ben Bartsch

Technical Team: Alex Hollis, Jeanne Potter

Ushers: Lance Ikard, John Carlton

Altar Guild: Martha Tolbert, Joan Kleinlein, True Radcliff, Ione Smith