



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sung Evening Prayer
September 27, 2020
5:00 p.m.

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The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

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EVENING PRAYER

In prayerful adjustments on Zoom platform, you will be invited to mute and unmute your microphones during the service.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant



O God, make speed to save us.

People



O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:



Al - le - lu - ia.

Phos hilaron: O Gladsome Light—Byzantine Chant, Tone 5, arr. Levi Lebsack

O Gladsome Light of the Holy Glory of the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun and behold the light of evening, we praise God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise. O Son of God and Giver of Life, therefore all the world doth glorify Thee.



Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant* (canted by choir members)

1 The heavens declare the glory of Gód, *
and the firmament / shows his hándiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to anóther, *
and one night imparts knowledge / to anóther.

3 Although they have no words or lánuage, *
and their / voices áre not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lánds, *
and their message to the / ends of thé world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sún; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion / to run íts course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it agáin; *
nothing is hidden / from its búrning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the sóul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom / to the ínnocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the héart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives / light to thé eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for éver; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogéther.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine góld, *
sweeter far than honey, than / honey ín the comb.

11 By them also is your servant en-líghtened, *
and in keeping them / there is gréat reward.

12 Who can tell how often he of-fénds? *
cleanse me / from my sécret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion óver me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent / of a gréat offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your síght, *
O LORD, my strength and / my redéemer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Són, and to the / Holy Spí-rit:
as it was in the beginning, is nów, and will be for / ever. Á-men.

The Lessons

A reading from James 3:1-13 (Grace Pelosky)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

Here ends the Reading.

The Magnificat: led by Jonathan Clawson

Antiphon

He that is might-y hath mag - ni - fied me: and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, and my spi - rit
hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re - gard - ed
the low - li - ness of his hand - maid - en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth
all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is
might - y hath mag - ni - fied me, and ho - ly is his Name.

5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the
proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put
down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the
hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -
mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

10. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
11. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

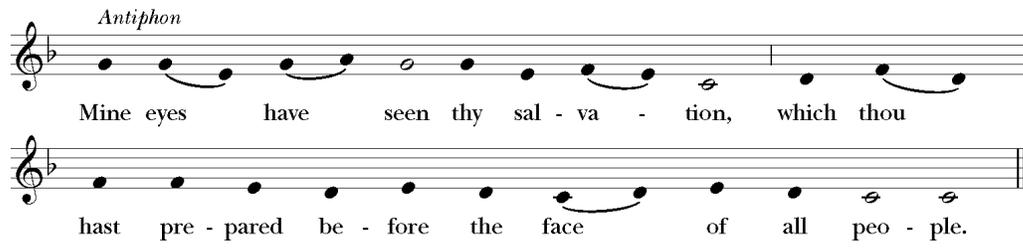
A reading from Matthew 13:44-52 (Tim Price)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Here ends the Reading.

Nunc Dimittis: led by Jonathan Clawson

Antiphon



Mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, which thou
hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace, ac - cord - ing
to thy word; 2. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,
3. To be a light to light - en the Gen - tiles,
and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

4. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
5. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Cantor or Officiant

That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

People

We en - treat you, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each petition)

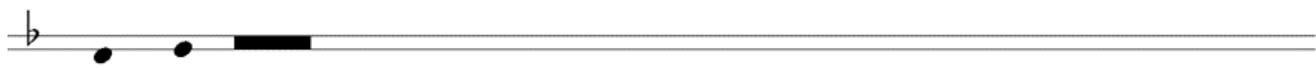

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,


That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,


That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,


That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,


and not be condemned before the great judg - ment seat of Christ,


That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of


[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Collects led by Michael McLaughlin

St Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Hymn: verses 1,3,4

All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night

EVENING

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1. All praise to Thee, my God, this night, For all the bless - ings of the light!
2. For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,
3. Teach me to live, that I may dread The grave as lit - tle as my bed.
4. O may my soul on Thee re - pose, And with sweet sleep mine eye - lids close,
5. When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply;

Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - migh - ty wings.
That with the world, my - self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
Teach me to die, that so I may Rise glo - rious at the judg - ment day.
Sleep that may me more vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake.
Let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me mo - lest.

Invite intercessions and thanksgivings

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Anne Sauder

Participants: Members and Ministers of God, Grace Church, Lexington, Virginia