

17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 10:00 A.M.

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us for coffee/tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

Chant
Here I am As I am
In this world As it is
Ever entangled In this luminous web of life
Ever abiding In the heart of God

Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound
(Blue Book)

Blessed be God:
Creator of rivers and rain,
Keeper of springs,
and Giver of Living Water.
Blessed be God for ever.

Creator of all,
you entrusted the waters of the Earth
to all your children, yet we confess
that we have failed to care for them.
We have polluted rivers and oceans, drained
wetlands, and wasted the precious gift of water.
Lord, have mercy.

We have ignored the cries
of communities who stand in queues or
walk long distances for water,
while others consume without restraint.
Christ, have mercy.

We have spoken about caring for creation
without changing our lives, our churches,
or our communities.
Lord, have mercy.

Teach us to treasure every drop,
to protect every spring, and to become faithful
guardians of the Living Water you freely give.
Amen.

Collect
God of Raven and Lily,
who waters the trees of the field,
provides grass for cattle, and prey for the lions,
grant us humility to learn from all our creature kin
our place in your web of creation,
that we may join in the economy of abundance and gift
which is your Kingdom,
through Jesus and the Spirit of life, **Amen**.

First Reading: Walter Rauschenbusch
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 259 For the Fruit of All Creation
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-34
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection – *Jared Blustein*

The Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 18 Lord,
Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary x3 *(Red Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God, who creates, loves, and sustains the universe.
We rejoice in God our Creator.

Celebrant: It is right in all times…….
……. In this ancient honor song:

Hymn # 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus,…….
……. now and forever

Hymn # 721 Amen, Amen, Amen (*Blue Book)*

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn # 53 Now the Silence
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 403 Let All Things Now Living
(*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal