



Church of the Advent

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21A

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PRELUDE by Bradford Dale

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it.

People **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it.

People **Come let us adore him.**

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

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

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

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

4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.

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

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

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

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

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM EXODUS

EXODUS 17:1-7

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?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9 THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

Heal Me, Lord

Advent Choir

*Heal me, Lord, (in your mercy)
heal me, Lord, (in your mercy)
heal me, Lord, (in your mercy)
heal me, Lord, (in your mercy)*

*Here I am, (in your mercy)
here I am, (in your mercy)
here I am, (in your mercy)
here I am, (in your mercy)*

*Thank you, Lord, (for your mercy)
thank you, Lord, (for your mercy)
thank you, Lord, (for your mercy)
thank you, Lord, (for your mercy)*

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.

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

SERMON by *The Rev. Jason Oden*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant Let us recite together the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant Gracious God, you exercise your authority chiefly in showing love through your Son Jesus Christ: Enable us both to will and to work for your good pleasure, that we may serve and pray faithfully, as we say: We will recount to generations to come your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.

Intercessor You have called the members of Christ's body to work out our own salvation with reverence and trembling: Encourage us in Christ with the consolation of your love, that we may share your Spirit of compassion.

We will recount to generations to come

All **your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.**

Intercessor Inspire our leaders and all who hold authority in the world to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but to serve humanity with humility and grace.

We will recount to generations to come

All **your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.**

Intercessor Fill the world with your Spirit, that all people may serve one another with humble faithfulness.

We will recount to generations to come

All **your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.**

Intercessor Be with our community that our actions and words may be consistent as we look generously to the interests of our neighbors.

We will recount to generations to come

All **your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.**

Intercessor Make our joy complete by bringing your healing love to all for whom we pray, especially _____. *(Congregation is welcome to add their own petitions)*

Accept our gratitude and thanksgiving for all that we enjoy, especially for _____. *(Congregation is welcome to add their own thanksgivings)*

Hear our prayers for those who have followed our savior Jesus through death into exaltation, especially _____. *(Congregation is welcome to add the names of those to remember)*

We will recount to generations to come

All **your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God.**

Officiant Through the death and triumphant resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have raised all humanity into your divine presence, O Holy One: Be at work in us that we may do your will on earth with joyful and obedient hearts, and share in the consolation of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God." This prayer is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

All God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC

Have Ye Heard the Invitation

Advent Choir

*Have ye heard the invitation,
Sinners ruined by the fall?
Famished souls who seek salvation,
Have ye heard the loving call?
Hark! a herald of the Father
Bids you of His supper taste.
Round the sacred table gather.
All is ready; sinners, haste!*

*O ye chosen, have ye slighted
This sweet call to you proclaimed?
Lo! the King hath now invited
All the halt, the blind, the maimed:
"Come, ye poor from out the highways,
Come, a feast awaits you, come!"
Leave the hedges and the byways,
Hasten to the Father's home.*

*We have heard Thee call, dear Father,
In Thy Word and sacrament;
Round Thy festal board we'll gather
Till our life's last day is spent.
Ours the risen Saviour's merit,
Ours the bounties of Thy love,
Ours Thy peace, till we inherit
Endless life in heaven above.*

A BLESSING

Work out your own salvation with reverence and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

As people of faithful action, keep your promises and do the will of God, encouraged in Christ, who has emptied himself into our lives, to be with us in every humble service.

Receive the consolation of love that comes from the Holy Spirit, for you are united to God through Christ, that you may be exalted with him in heaven and on earth.

And the blessing of our humble God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and dwell with you forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

POSTLUDE by *Bradford Dale*