

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023 10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymnal 410

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

The following is sung, all standing as able





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*.

The Lessons FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah

was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

Remain seated.

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse.

¹I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever. ²Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever. ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness. ⁴One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power. ⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works. ⁶They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness. ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds. ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

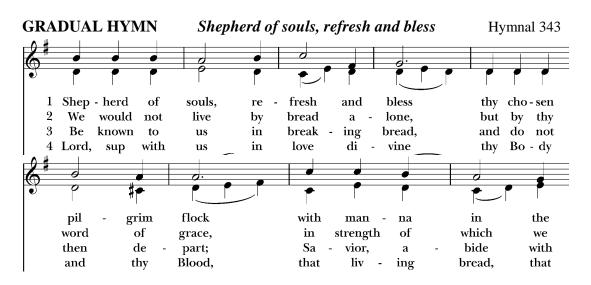
SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

All stand as able.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

THE SERMON

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

All stand as able.

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

All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: Generous and loving God, your providence surrounds us with all things necessary for our common life: Grant to your people such fulfillment in our life and work, that we may reach out in service and compassion toward others, as we pray for the needs of the world, saying: We search for you and your strength; we continually seek your face.

Litanist: Bless your Church and her members as we labor in your vineyard, O Gracious One, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel and live faithfully in your loving presence. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church. We exalt you, O holy God;

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Inspire our nation with honorable industry and a just economy, that every person may find meaningful work and a proper return for their labor. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

We exalt you, O holy God;

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Give the bread from heaven to all who yearn and the bread from earth to all in need, that every person on your earth may have all things necessary for their wholeness and health, and that our planet may healed. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia and all victims of violence. We exalt you, O holy God;

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Inspire this community that all may live together in a worthy manner, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side for goodness. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris. We exalt you, O holy God;

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

God of compassion, hear the complaints of all who suffer and give your generous attention to those for whom we offer our prayer in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Fred, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Karan, Jane, Allie, Gene, Nancy, Amelia, Jesse, Julian, Jackie, Ava, Margaret, Amber, Dawn, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and all on our prayer list.

Hear our gladness and joy as we offer our thanksgivings.

Embrace with your eternal life those who have died. We exalt you, O holy God;

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You call your children at every hour into your divine work of reconciliation, O Holy One: Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be fruitful servants throughout our time in your vineyard, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 359

The 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 All stand as able.		BCP p. 360
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People	And also with you.	

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

BCP p. 376

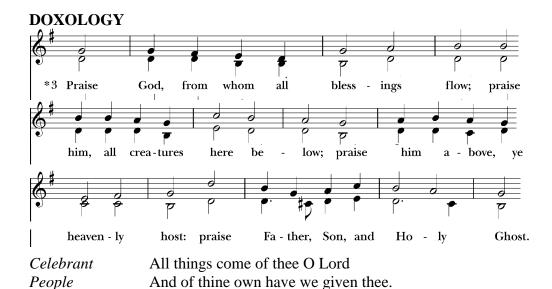
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Remember me

by A. Adams



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing as able.

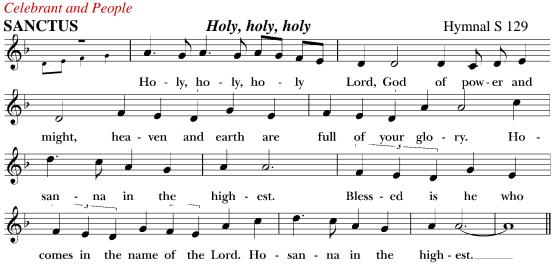
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.
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Facing the Holy Table, the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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:



The People stand or kneel as able. Then 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*.

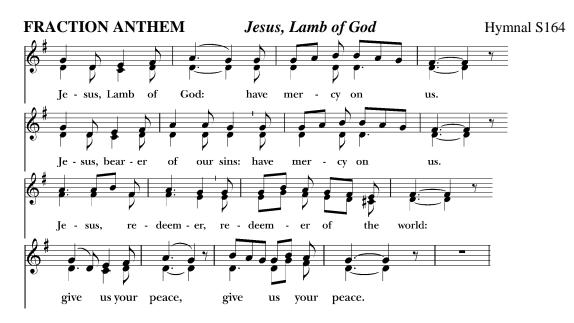
THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



INVITATION

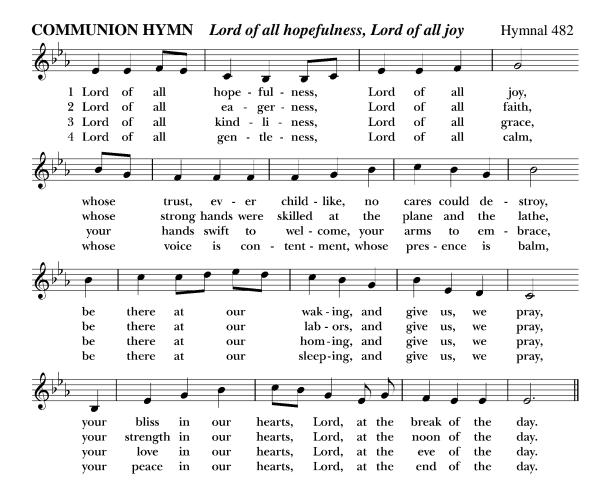
The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen*.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen*.]



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

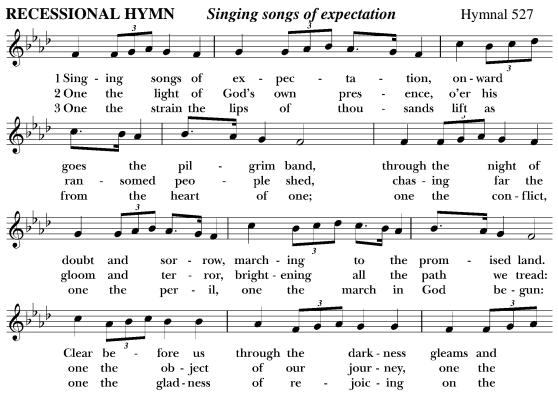
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

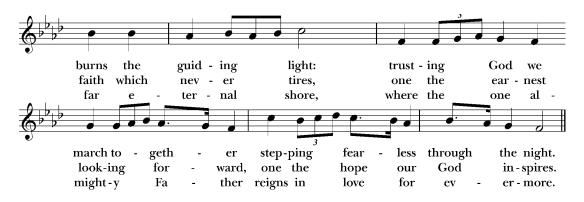
BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*



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DISMISSAL

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. If your child would like to come to the children's chapel table during service, they are welcome. If they are 4 and under we ask that they are accompanied by a parent during this learning time. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion. During the Peace and the announcements is the most common time to do this.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Betty Huechtker, Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Martha Cole (Courtney Dardis), Bailey Powers (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Kimberly Worthy, Matt Lawley (Karen Anderson), Logan Davis (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Karan Stomps, Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Jane Taylor, Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Allie Signa, Clark Gordin (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Gene Poole, Brian Hardy (Karen Anderson), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), JB Edwards (Courtney Dardis), Nancy Campbell, Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones ((Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Amelia Jesubatham, Jesse Ganpot, Julian Jesubatham, Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett, Mike Updike (Joy Howell), Lyn Anderson (Karen Anderson), David Lawley (Karen Anderson), Ray Winston (Theresa Sparks), Bill Addison (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Margaret Pickering, Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Joan Rumbley (Amanda Prince), Patrick Dalton (Ann Lofaro), Jamie Dalton (Ann Lofaro), Lyn Burgers (Cyndi Hill), Amber Pierce, Don Pierce Jr. (John Pierce), Peggy Hightower (Lillian Bemis), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), Melissa Byrd (Donna Workman Meehan), Pam Allen (Fr. Will), Dawn Johnson

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Bemis (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in September: Rose Johnson (7th), Will Lowry (7th), Amelia Jesubatham (13th), Ci Jones (13th), Evie Loftin (19th), Bill Ericson (28th)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in September: Kate & Cliff Withers (14th), Ivee & Will Lowry (17th), Gene & Jamie Poole (28th)

<u>Servers</u> Acolyte/Chalice Bearer- Dick Reid Lectors- Donna Workman Meehan & Ivee Lowry Ushers- Steve & Margaret Griffin Altar Guild- Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell, Fr. Bill Ericson, June Hayles, Cyndi Hill, Ann Marsengill Flower Guild- Rhonda Barber Beadle- Linda Ryall

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Attendance

September 17 8am-22 10:30am-44

Church Financial Status through the month of August

Contributions \$191,031 Operating Expenses \$289,631 Budget Gap -\$98,600 The expenses number represents the standard operating expenses for the Church. Expenses for major Church repair or replacement of HVAC units (for example) are not included in the expense number.

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