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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
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Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left.

As a diverse community in God, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine completeness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Bob Mossman

Call To Prayer

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All stand

Let us pray. Gracious God, who has created each of us in your image, we ask for your presence among us today as we strive to make this faith community a safe place for everyone. Help us to recognize your face in all those entrusted to our care, as well as in those with whom we work. May our ministries and fellowship be blessed encounters with you and your people. *Amen*

Processional

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.

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*

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

All be seated

Old Testament

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So, Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.
He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,
That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Epistles Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from The Letter of Paul 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

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“Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace”

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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory 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 at about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. When the first came, they thought they would receive more, but each 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All be seated

The Sermon

The Reverend Les Jackson

The Nicene Creed

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

Kneeling or Standing as able

Almighty God, keep us mindful of your role in our lives and lead us into the generosity, compassion, and fulfillment of your Kingdom as we pray for ourselves and the world, as we say;

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give all congregations, faith communities, and houses of worship the desire to be generous in time, talent, and treasure, and especially in forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give this nation eyes that are open to the truth that your ways are more loving and merciful than ours, and create generations of leaders and servants who will strive to bring this insight to how we act in the world and with each other.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give each person a calling to live life in a way that brings joy and peace to others; may that same joy and peace be reflected in our own hearts and souls.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Give courage and strength to those who advocate for others, work to cure or stand for justice. Bless our world with the spirit of your love and the vision of your Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give healing and peace to those who are ill, anxious, imprisoned, alone or in despair.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give hope to the dying for the kingdom life that is to come, comfort those who grieve loss, and restore relationships to those who are now separated, whatever the reason.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Newton, the Reverend Mike Lloyd, the Reverend Barbara Gibson, the Deacon, and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Honorable Dame Sarah Mullaly, our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, Father Les, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

Pray for South-Central Kansas Minster, the Reverend Kitty Shield, Minster Shepherd, St. Jude, Wellington; Trinity, Ark City; Epiphany, Sedan; Grace, Winfield; and their clergy and people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity through our outreach efforts.

All this we ask in the name of your embodied love, Jesus the Christ, our only strength and advocate, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Birthdays this week: Ann Striegel and Vince Haines

Offertory Sentence

Share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus; and stand firm in one spirit, strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All things come from Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

For you are a generous God, full of grace. You call each of us as laborers in your vineyard and give to all the full measure of reward gained for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

All stand

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. *AMEN* +++

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

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, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love God and for those 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 here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive from God's Banquet table all the benefits, grace upon grace, of our Lord Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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*

The Blessing

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And now the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*

Recessional

“Come Labor On”

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The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

“Go Now in Love and Peace”

music in pen

Ministers of This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson, *Celebrant*

Annette Gurney, *Acolyte*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Joshua Dennison & Denise Irwin, *Videographer*

Cindy Badwey & Becky White, *Altar Guild*

Bob Mossman, *Lector*

Iris Schlabach, *Usher & Counter*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Annette Gurney, *Hospitality*

Join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.

*The City is My Monastery: A Contemporary Rule of Life, Richard Carter, page 228