



**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost –
October 14, 2018 at 10:30am**

Prelude	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i>	Manz/Bach
Entrance	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Hymnal 488
Offertory Anthem	<i>African Psalm</i>	arr. Victor C. Johnson
	<i>Lift your voices to God, all ye people!</i>	
	<i>Praise the Lord singing alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Everybody, sing together alleluia!</i>	
	<i>All creation, sing together alleluia!</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>As Those of Old, There First Fruits Brought</i>	Hymnal 705
	<i>Just a Closer Walk</i>	LEVAS 72
Exit	<i>Alleluia Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymnal 460
Postlude	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	J. S. Bach

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job answered: Today my complaint is again bitter; my strength is weighed down because of my groaning. Oh, that I could know how to find him— come to his dwelling place; I would lay out my case before him, fill my mouth with arguments, know the words with which he would answer, understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me through brute force? No, he would surely listen to me. There those who do the right thing can argue with him; I could escape from my judge forever. Look, I go east; he's not there, west, and don't discover him; north in his activity, and I don't grasp him; he turns south, and I don't see.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17 *Read responsively by verse; the congregation is invited to sing the refrain where indicated.*



Teach us to num-ber our days that we— may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

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So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants. **Refrain.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity. **Refrain.**

Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork. **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Because God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer. Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin. Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?” Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.” “Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions. Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.” They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.” Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Marc Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer & Chalice	Joe Adams
Lectors	Katie Kramer, Joe Adams
Intercessor	Barbara Robinson
Chalice	Elizabeth Hines
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Clara Olliff
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, Shelton Clark
Children’s Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Jean Parker
Guest Organist	Ruth Tweeten

Announcements

Adult Forum: Today, Immigration Law with Dr. Stephen Legomsky. We continue our conversation about human rights as we look at the state of our immigration system, and the legal framework surrounding immigrants. Next Sunday, Join the Stewardship Committee, Treasurer, and Rector as we learn about annual giving at Holy Communion.

Laundry Love – Tuesday, October 16: (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at www.holycommunion.net.

Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff: Mark your calendar for Sunday October 28 and join us for a carnival, chili cook-off and more! All are invited to join us on the corner of Jackson and Delmar after our 10:30am service for the third annual Fall Festival. Come for games, great food, and fun for all ages.

Next Sunday for Baptism: November 4 will be the next Sunday for Baptism. Registration is available at holycommunion.net. At Holy Communion, baptism for infants and children are offered on specific Sundays several times throughout the year. Adults are most often baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter, which is the night before Easter.

Partnership with Bravelly - Blues Game: Join us at the Blues game November 9 and at Church on November 11 as we partner with Bravelly (formerly Magdalene St. Louis). We have a limited number of tickets for \$38 each, and proceeds benefit the work of our partners. Cheer on the Blues, enjoy the game with friends from church, and support Bravelly. You can order tickets online or at the welcome table.

Annual Giving Pledge: The church will celebrate the Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 18th. Please join us in making a commitment to do the work God is calling us to do. Pledge cards are included in the bulletin this Sunday and will be mailed out next week. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

Trinity Breakfast Volunteers: October 21 after the 10:30 service. We partner with Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End to help with issues of food security for the most vulnerable people in our region. On the third Sunday of each month a group from Holy Communion leaves after church to serve lunch at Trinity's soup kitchen. Signup at the Welcome Table or contact Scott Ferguson if you would like to volunteer.