

# Bulletin September 27

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Prelude

My Lord, What a Mornin' – arr. Harry Burleigh

*The congregation is invited to say the words together in bold. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.*

### Welcome

*The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.*

### Opening Rite: Liturgy of Light

*All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.*

Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

*Silence may be kept for a time.*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (*2 Corinthians 4: 5-6*)

*Candles will now be lit in the church. You are invited to light candles at home, as we pray the following prayer:*

May the light of Christ gloriously risen dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.  
**May this simple flame of love and hope be found still burning by the Morning Star;  
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ our Savior, who, coming back from  
death's domain, has shed light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Alleluia! Amen.**

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## **Confession**

*As we worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things  
done on our behalf so that we are reconciled to God and each other.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal  
life. **Amen.**

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## **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Officiant continues with the prayer appointed for the day called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings of the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture of the day.*

God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

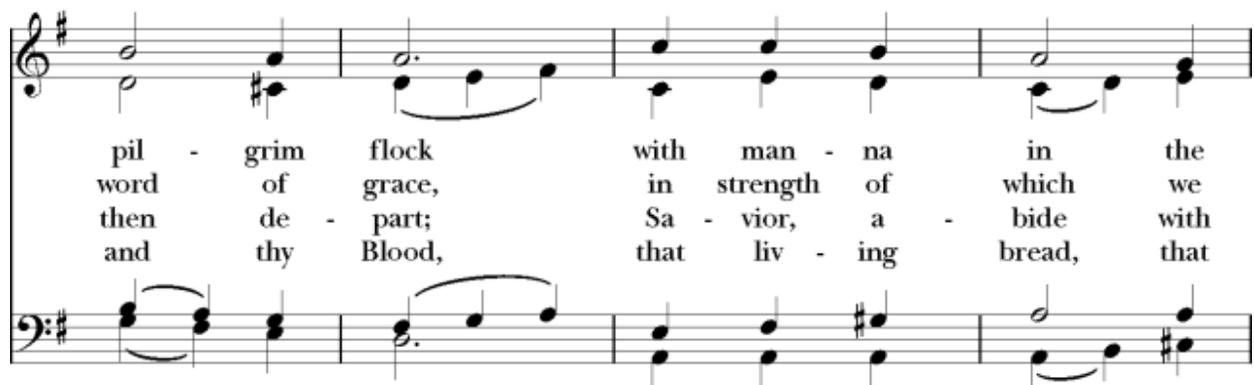
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## **Opening Hymn**

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Hymnal 343



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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## The Readings

*We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING:**

A Reading from the book of Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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## **THE PSALM**

*The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 The congregation is invited to read the verses in bold.*

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

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

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

**We will recount to generations to come  
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God,  
and the wonderful works you have done.**

You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**You split open the sea and let them pass through;  
you made the waters stand up like walls.**

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

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

You brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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## THE GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 21:23-32)**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, “I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I’ll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?”

They argued among themselves, “If we say ‘from heaven,’ he’ll say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But we can’t say ‘from humans’ because we’re afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet.” Then they replied, “We don’t know.”

Jesus also said to them, “Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

“No, I don’t want to,’ he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

“The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, ‘Yes, sir.’ But he didn’t go.

“Which one of these two did his father’s will?”

They said, “The first one.”

Jesus said to them, “I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God’s kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn’t believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn’t change your hearts and lives and you didn’t believe him.

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

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**The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell**

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## Anthem: Celtic Alleluia



## Affirmation of Faith

*Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. However, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to."*

Do you believe in God?

**We believe in God the Father the almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgive- ness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## The Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers for the church throughout the world. For our companion relationships with [Cristosal](#) and the people and church in El Salvador; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **The people and ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church in Farmington**. Pray for the Church.

I invite your prayers for our nation, for the upcoming election. I invite your prayers for all those in authority in our own communities and across this world. Pray for justice and good governance.

I invite your prayers for the earth that God has given us, that we might steward and protect the land and all its inhabitants. Pray for the earth.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week: Alisa Williams. And for those celebrating anniversaries: Rudy Walz & Robert Meinz. For what do you give thanks to God?

I invite your prayers of petition for those in any need or trouble, for all affected by the coronavirus. Pray for your own needs, and those of others.

I invite your prayers for that whole cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Pray for those who have died.

O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements:

*Announcements are shared*

[See announcements](#)

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## Concluding Prayers

God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son. In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

**You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone. Strengthen our community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world.**

Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

**Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel and give us the grace to see the face of Christ in the people with whom we live. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God; that we who have celebrated Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## The Peace

*The Peace is then exchanged.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.*

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## Concluding Hymn:

Holy Holy Holy Hymnal 362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Let us Bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Service Leaders**

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Presider: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

Deacon: The Rev. Chester Hines

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