



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two
September 27, 2020 10:00 AM**

Officiant: Sue Hurn

Musical Prelude: Alan Cotnior (Music Director)

Welcoming by Sue Hurn

Morning Prayer: Rite Two (BCP 75)

Opening Sentences (BCP 78)

Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

Confession of Sin (BCP 79) and Absolution (BCP 80)

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us be together in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

(moment of silence)

All 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**

.Officiant 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 everlasting life. **Amen.**

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Invitatory and Psalter -- Sunday After Pentecost (BCP 80-81)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouths 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 forever. **Amen.**

Officiant The mercy of the lord is everlasting:

People Come, let us adore him.

Words for Venite (Page 82) BCP

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. I

n 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!

Psalms 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.

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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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading (Lesson) 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?"

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

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Second Reading

A Reading from 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.

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People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn: Before thy throne, O God

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

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The Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 21: 23-32

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.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Sue Hurn

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

All 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***

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The Prayers: Our Father (BCP 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All: 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.**

Suffrage B (BCP 98)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day, Proper 21 (BCP 233)

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, forever and 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.**

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Prayers of Intercession

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence)

Fill your church throughout the world with the spirit to work for your pleasure. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Teach us how to value and enjoy the beauty of your creation with humility and to set aside selfish ambitions in how we share its resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Refresh the people of all nations with your compassion and love and give us the same mind in Christ, living in peace with loving hearts. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rush to the aid of those who wait for you especially Paula, Martha, Michael, Richard, Alberta, Sue, Tom, Lauren, David, Frank, Bob, Father Ed. MJ, Brad, Paul, Ron, Donald, Eleanor and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)...Heal their pain, mend their brokenness, take away their sorrow, lift them out of their troubles, and relieve their burdens.. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage us in our lives together. Lead us in your path and teach us to care for the needs of the poor, the exploited, and the outcast. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Make our joy complete in the knowledge of the good news of the resurrection. Console those who mourn and give us the assurance of your presence in this life and the next. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.

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The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Romans 15:13

Recessional Hymn Come, thou fount of every blessing

- 1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
- 2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my
wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart,
oh, take and seal it for thy courts above.