

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

9:00a

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Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- C** Glory be 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.

- C** Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalmody

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (Sung by Pastor and Cantor)

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- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- I** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- I** In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.
- II** The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.
- I** O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
- II** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- C** Glory be 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.

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

- P** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
- P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- C** Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
- P** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
- C** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- C** Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- P** He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- C** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
des - ert For the one who brings God near.
chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum - pet! Tell the mes - sage: Christ, the Sav - ior king, is come!

Readings

Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 21:23-27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Theme: “Authority”

Text: Matthew 21:23-27

Canticle

Benedictus (Congregation part spoken / Cantor part sung)

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C Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of His servant David.
Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant.
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear,
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

L You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
to give His people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C Glory be 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.

Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.
Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority.
Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may
be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely
brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty
power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of
danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be
righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Please place your offering in an offering place as you depart.

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