

# ***The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two***



***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*September 27, 2020*



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Rite II

**Prelude**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Words**

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

**Cantor**

*(with congregational participation)*

**Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Allelulia**

**Praise Ye The Lord**

*(repeat)*

**Praise Ye The Lord, Allelulia**

**Praise Ye The Lord, Allelulia**

**Praise Ye The Lord, Allelulia**

**Praise Ye The Lord**

**Prayer of the Day**

*(The people remain standing)*

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)* **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. (The people sit)**

## First Reading: 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?"

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-8 *(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \***  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \***  
**for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \***  
**remember me according to your love**  
**and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

## **Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song**

*Will you come and follow me?*

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## **Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

### **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.***

## Prayers of the People

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*A brief silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world. For our President Donald, our Governor Ralph and all in authority that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan, Jennifer and Porter our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for ... Are there others? (Pause) Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially ... and those celebrating anniversaries.... Are there others? (Pause)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, including..., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray for those who have given their lives in service of our country including ...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## **Concluding Collect**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & People:* **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.**

## **Declaration of Absolution**

*Celebrant:* At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

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# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

*Our offering plate is conveniently located at the welcome table. Online giving is also encouraged. Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Thank you!*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving (In unison)**

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

*(The people remain standing).*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

**We remember his death**

**We proclaim his resurrection**

**We await his coming glory.**



*Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

I invite everyone who wishes a closer relationship with Christ and each other to receive the bread of Christ or a spiritual communion. This is the gift of God and you are the people of God. Receive it in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Music during Communion**

***The Disciples knew the Lord Jesus***

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## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. All are invited to receive a spiritual communion.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:* **O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.**

**We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. *(The People stand)*

*Celebrant and People:*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

# September 27, 2020 Announcements & Events

## Honey from the Woods – Still Available!

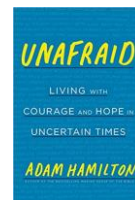
Our bees have been very busy and we are delighted to report that we had a successful honey harvest! **We will be selling 4 oz jars of St. Peter's in the Woods honey for \$10 each, following our outdoor service on Sunday.** All proceeds from the sale of the honey will go to expanding our Giving Garden, which provides fresh produce to local food pantries.



**Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM** – Virtual fellowship hour  
Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

## Adult Formation Opportunities:

Sundays at Noon - Please join us for a six-week discussion of *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Using scripture and Pastor Hamilton's concepts, we'll explore the emotions of fear, anxiety, stress and worry to find practical solutions to untangle knots about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, crime and racism, loneliness, insignificance and aging and other situations.



Thursdays at 8 AM - Looking to learn more - or have a refresher - on the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement? Grab your morning coffee and join us for a 4-week exploration of our Episcopal faith, beliefs and practices, using a video series from ChurchNext. Each class will feature a brief video and time for discussion and questions. Let [revsusanh@gmail.com](mailto:revsusanh@gmail.com) know that you are interested!



## Weekly offerings:

Tuesday, Sept 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EfM Zoom, 7-9 PM</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Sept 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROMEOS Zoom, 12 PM</li> <li>Wired Word Zoom, 7:30 PM</li> <li>Compline Zoom, 8 :30 PM</li> </ul>
Thursday, Sept 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Formation, 8 AM</li> <li>Youth Group Zoom, 4 PM</li> </ul>