

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns, Arr. Mary McDonald and Lloyd Larson
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 410, *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*
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- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
(Please be seated.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a

covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54 (*Please stand*)

Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *

and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES, 3:13:-4:3, 7-8A

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 433, *We gather together*
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1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

A period of silence will be kept.

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 *(Please stand)*

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. For being active and involved in our lives and all that we do, we are grateful. Lord Jesus, for your ministry on this earth, we are grateful. For calling us to be your people, we are grateful. Grant us the gift of your spirit, that we may know you better.

We pray for members of our Christ Church Family, and the special needs of those who are ill or in need of your healing touch. We pray especially this day for Jan and Bob Blaich. We also offer prayers for Peter Waanders and his family as they grieve the loss of Peter's father. We pray for Nancy Sweet, Amelia and Ryan Davis, Terry Edwards, for Don Bird, and for Peter and Julia. We pray for Jessica and Philip, for Susan and Mickey, for Tony Welgos, for Marilyn and for Keith. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

We pray for victims of the coronavirus, here in our own community and throughout world. We pray for healing. We pray for those who have died from the virus, and for those who they have left behind.

We lift up all who serve this nation in uniform in nearby and far off places. We pray for the families of Aspen, for students and school teachers, and for their health and safekeeping.

Lord, we pray for those killed, injured and homeless due to the earthquakes in Haiti. We pray for the people of the North East who have suffered with flooding, and we pray for all those impacted by fires in the west and for the firefighters. We pray for their safety, protection, and provision. During these turbulent times, we pray for the mental health of our community. We pray for those who are troubled and in need of your special care Oh Lord. We lift up those in distress, and pray that they will reach out for support and help, and will know that you are there.

We pray for every member of our parish family. In silence or aloud, we lift up prayers for our own needs and for the needs of others.

Almighty God, we pray for Christ Church here in Aspen and for your church throughout our nation and the world. Guide our leadership we pray, and be with all who are part of the ministries of Christ Church. May this be a time of renewal in our church. We lift up these prayers with praise and thanksgiving as we worship you this day. Amen

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *(Stand or kneel)*

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.

THE ABSOLUTION AND COMFORTABLE WORDS

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sing Forth His Glorious Praise, Arr. Mary McDonald
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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 4 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to 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.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.** *[The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation.]*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, *p. 365*

Presider and People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A BLESSING BY THE PRIEST

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 473, *Lift high the cross*
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[Refrain:]

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising, Arr. Mark Hayes
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