Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22 October 2, 2022



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 2255 Batesville, Arkansas, 72503 Main Street at Fifth 870-793-2203 *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.* We are honored to you have you join us for worship today and we invite you to participate fully in our service. Please know that all are invited to Christ's table to receive communion. Or, you may come forward if you wish to receive a blessing from our priest. Below you will find instructions on how to receive.

Instructions for Holy Communion and Receiving Blessings: All are invited to share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. To receive the bread, place the right hand in your left palm and extend your hands to the minister distributing the bread. To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup by grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips. You may choose not to receive the wine; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the server with the chalice comes to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when the Celebrant pauses in front of you with the bread.

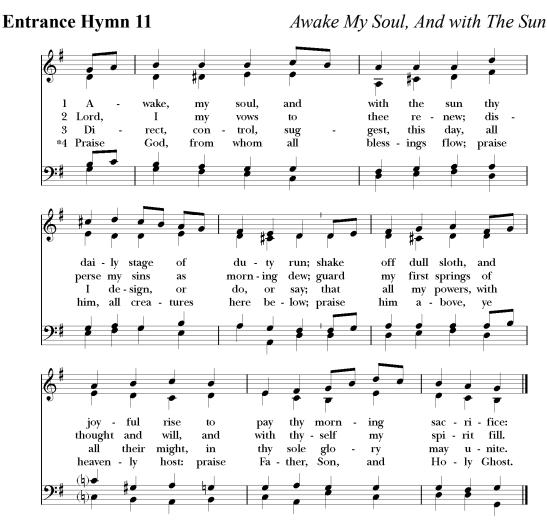
Today's Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim McDonald Organist & Choir Director: Mr. Kristian Ameigh Eucharist Minister: Mr. Steve Massey Ushers: Mr. Mike & Ms. Rhonda Mundy Tech: Mr. Jon Healey Altar Guild: Ms. Ellen Massey & Ms. Jo Cargill-Krug

Community Kitchen (10/5/2022): Team Olson

This Sunday's flowers are given by Sandy & Nelson Barnett to the glory of God and as a loving tribute to all of our family members who have October birthdays: Lockie Barnett Jones, Sandra Slaughter Barnett, Ira Nelson Barnett, Charles Barnett Grace, Charles R. Barnett, & Anna Carol Heringer.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God



The people standing (as able), the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

People

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.*



Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

A reading from the book of Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-10

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord * and wait patiently for him.

- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 704: O Thou Who Camest from Above



Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

All stand.

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Jim McDonald

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 Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Larry our Bishop; Jim and Gene our priests and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church*.

We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for Peyton Olson, Dorla Guenzel, Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, John & Susan Dempsey, Clint Callahan, Jim Johnson, Mark Shreve, Tammy Kipfer, Angela Wilcoxon, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Sally Fittsizer, Dana Bone Teichart, Machelle Christiansen, and Mike Mundy.

And we pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested: Glynnis, David, Pam Brown, Jim Wilson, Finn Mitchell, David Yates, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Terry Presley, Charlotte & Jim Franklin, Larry Linder, Gary, Phyllis & Gary Bratton, Peggy, Sarah, Brady & Cody, Patsy Waren, Linda Moe, Olivia, Wendell, Tom Bradshaw, Byron Difani, Dennis Brooks, Landon Terry, Alan Sickle, Fred Denison Sr., Carol Robertson, Suzie Coleman Rash, Jennifer Huskins, Yvonne Adams, Cathy Harrington, Perry, the Zagaar family, Jacqueline Levey, Kay, Jody Gayle, and Dan & Kathy Higgnight.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries especially, Mary Bumpers (10/3), Steven Wilcoxon (10/4), Finn Dore (10/4), Jacqui McSpadden (10/5), Isabelle Tenace (10/8), Sandy Barnett (10/8), Michelle & Kirk Warden (10/5) and Nikki & Brenda Bittle (10/6).

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Cookie Ball, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

Absolution

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

Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

PeopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant my begin the Offertory with an Offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem: Cast Thou Burden Upon the Lord

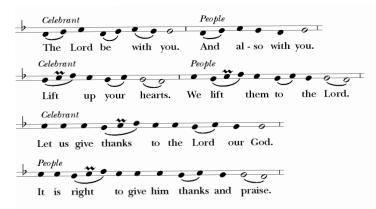
Felix Mendelssohn

Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 4)

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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The people remain standing



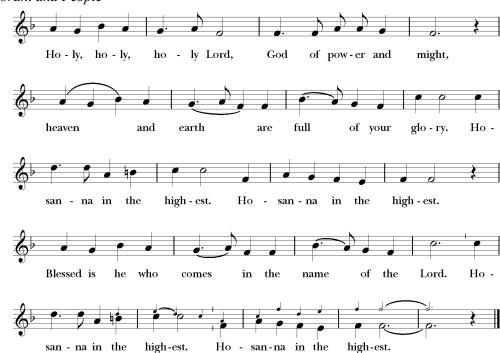
Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (S125)

The acolyte will ring the Sanctus bells each time the word "holy" is sung.



Celebrant and People

The people stand or kneel.

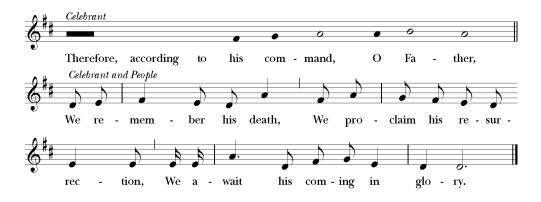
The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."



The Celebrant continues

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. Paul 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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues

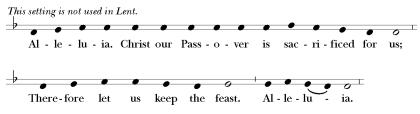
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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*. 364

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at Christ's table; we ask only that you come seeking a closer relationship with our God.

Communion Hymn: I Call On Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Post communion Prayer 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Post Communion Hymn 536: God Has Spoken to His People

¹ Open your ears, O faithful people,
² They who have ears to hear the message,
³ Israel comes to greet the Savior
⁴ Open your ears, O faithful people,

open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the Judah is glad to see his day. From east and west the open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O

> royal priesthood, God has come to you. way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. peoples travel, he will show the way. royal priesthood, God has come to you.

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah! And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah! And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

> Torah ora, Torah ora, Torah ora, Torah ora, Hallelujah!

Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.