

Sunday, September 27, 2020
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
Proper 21, Year A
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



VOLUNTARY

Ricercar in f#

Johann Pachelbel [4'04"]
(1653-1706)

Pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The procession from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.**

TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy upon us.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

[French Ball]

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the LORD God, this

proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the LORD God. Turn, then, and live.

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

PSALM 25:1-8

[Gary Smith]

- 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.

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.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON –Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeller. 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON – The Reverend Lissa Smith
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

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.**

The appointed reader says

Confident that in the Son's teaching and through the Spirit's leading we shall be heard, let us lift hearts and voices to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, ever promising deliverance to your people, hold out your hands to us and hear our common supplications. For courage to pray, calling out day and night for all that you have promised: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For diligence in reading your word, and for the work of the whole church, that we may understand the fullness of your message to us. For all bishops and other ministers, especially *Justin*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Michael*, Presiding Bishop; *John*, Bishop of Tennessee. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, *the Most Reverend Ezekiel Kumir Kondo*, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan, and Bishop of Khartoum. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Ann's Church, Nashville, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti, especially St. George's Church, Baghdad, Iraq, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially *Donald*, the President of the United States; *Bill*, the Governor of Tennessee; and *John*, the Mayor of Nashville, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world; Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For boldness to speak your word humbly to others, for constancy and courage, and for all to whom we speak: Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For your love in us, that you may use our hands and our hearts to carry your love to others: Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the Ordination of *Kevin Antonio Smallwood*, on September 22, at Grace Church, Silver Springs, Maryland, by the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Buddle, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We also give thanks for the birth of *Ashford Moore*, son of *Karen* and *Sean Moore*; for the baptism of *Sutton Fowler Krech*, son of *Lindsay* and *Matt Krech* on September 25; and for the 50th birthday of *Geoffrey Fleming*, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For your warmth, strength, power, and healing for all in any need— for the sick and recovering: *Susan, Geoffrey, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Laura, John, Kadijah, Tallu, Madeline, Emma, Debra, John, Sage, Dickie, Nancie, Paul, Cary Ann, Katharine, Andy, Joseph, Bill, Mimi, Debbie, Mary, Ken, Art, Flora, Hugh, Rosemary, Erma, Ruthie, Mary, Alison & her mother, Barrett & his parents*; and for those serving in the military from Christ Church Cathedral, especially *Shona, Heath, Chris, Toby, Louis, Doug, Andi, James, Bradley, Griff, David, and Rachael*, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those affected by the wildfires in the west, and all those displaced from their homes, Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For unfailing remembrance of the blessed dead, especially *Al Finegan* for those whose names and faces fill our days and nights, that we may always give thanks for their lives, and that we may live in fervent expectation of joy together with them in your house forever: Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Then the Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

Then the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon 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.**

Celebrant stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



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DUET AT THE OFFERTORY

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley [1’52”]
(1810-1876)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

The Celebrant then says the Proper Preface

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also † that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.**

And now, 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

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.

The Sacrament is distributed.

HYMN AT THE DISTRIBUTION As longs the deer for cooling streams

Martyrdom [2'10"]

You are invited to sing along at home.

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still. and thou shalt sing the praise of him who

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.

Words: *New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt.; para of Psalm 42:1-7
Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

THE BLESSING

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in A

Overture

Fugue

William Selby [3'21"]

(1738-1789)

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