



# A Service of the Word

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
*after Pentecost*

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

27 SEPTEMBER 2020 | 10 AM

*¶ The People's responses are in bold*

## Voluntary

Sonata No. 1  
I.

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

## Welcome and Announcements

*¶ The People stand*

## A Penitential Order

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

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*1 Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*¶ The People may 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.

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 People stand*

## The Gloria

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.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*¶ The People sit*

## The First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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.

*18:1-4,25-32 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

*¶ The psalm is spoken responsively*

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.**  
Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**  
Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**  
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.**  
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**  
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.**  
Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**  
He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

*Psalm 25:1-8*

## The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

*2:1-13 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*¶ The People stand*

# The Gospel

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

21:23-32 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*¶ The People sit*

# The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Karen Montagno

*¶ The People stand*

# 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 People sit*

## Voluntary at the Offertory

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*¶ The People stand*

## The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord, who lives to make intercession for us.

Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit all Christian people, and the work of your Church in every land ... Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.

**Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.

**Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Savior of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night. Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.

**Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially ... Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love.

**Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Conqueror of death, remember for good those whom we love ☩ but see no longer, especially ... Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

**Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.  
To you, O Lord our God.

*¶ The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*¶ The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless ✠ the People.*

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Thanks be to God.

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Please take this bulletin with you.

## Participants in Today's Service

The Reverend Canon Jason Leo, *Officiant*

The Reverend Canon Karen Montagno, *Preacher*

Cheryl Eagleson, *Head Verger*

Martha Camele, *Acolyte*

Suzann Parker Leist, *Intercessor*

Don Vroon, *Reader*

Shiloh Roby, *Associate Director of Music*

Ron Ketterer, *Sound and Light Technician*

Ron Thomas, *Technical Consultant*

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