

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 15th, 2024



Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in G

G.F. Telemann

Opening Hymn: #10 “New Every Morning”

Invocation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

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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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 116: 1-8 *(sung by choir)*

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

² The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

³ Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

⁴ Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁵ The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶ Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.

⁷ For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸ I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

A Reading from the Letter of James

3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or

look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: #522 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed,

what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Frank

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

EOW, Form I

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers saying, "Christ have mercy."

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean the Presiding Bishop-elect, for Bishop Jennifer, Fr Frank our Priest, Joan and Randy our Wardens and for the leaders and ministers of St. John's, Speedway, Becky Douglas, Senior Warden. Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For this city of Indianapolis and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For those who travel, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our Prayer List. For **Justin, Kaitlyn, Taylor, Eric, Tiffany, Marjorie, Emma, Marilyn, Mollie, Abby, Larry, Amanda, Roger, Eva Mae, Troy, OJ, Alan, Lowell, Steve, Jan, Jim, Cecelia, Roger, Damon, Barbara, Sonia, Jon, Eli, Jane, Kevin, Heidi, Papa Ed, Judy, Cheryl, Mark and Joann N.** *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* We pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

In the communion of blessed Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest, 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: Cry of My Heart (choir)

-Terry Butler

Offertory response:

#380 vs 3 Old 100th

As the Ushers are passing the Collection Plate, please come forward with your gift for our Food Pantry donation and place it at the foot of the altar.

After the Presentation Hymn

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. All things come of thee oh Lord; **and of thine own have we given thee.**

Let us pray:

You are our Bread of Life that sustains us as we strive to be your disciples and build up Your kingdom on earth. As we are fed by You, may we feed those who are hungry for bread, for justice, for understanding, and for compassion. May we share your mercy and grace with all we meet. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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**S-128**

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. Then the Presider continues

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.

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:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem:

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

This table is for everyone. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the Ushers know.

Communion Hymn:

#312 "Strengthen for Service, Lord"

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

#525 The Church's One Foundation

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Organ Voluntary:

“Fantasia in G Minor”

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If you wish to offer a memorial for Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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