**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 27, 2020**

**Christ Church of Exeter**

**10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

*Officiant:* The Rev. Mark Pendleton

*Lector*: *Katherine Gibson*

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

*Assigned to read the part of the People:*

*Cantor and Tech Assistant*: Maggie O’Neill

*Liturgical and Tech Assistant*: Sally Farrell

*Organist:* Bruce Adami

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A NOTE ON HYMNS & COPYRIGHT

As we continue to stream our services, it is important that we remain copyright compliant in our use of music. Copyright applies differently to the reprinting and broadcasting of musical compositions, text or lyrics, and recordings. The music department at Christ Church has adapted to comply with this complicated area of the law, which is why we cannot stream hymns from YouTube during our Zoom services. Although we cannot stream these videos without infringing on copyright, we encourage you to watch them individually. We will include suggested performances each week to supplement the choral element that is so beloved by our community and deeply missed during this time.

**Choir of the week:** Rotterdam Symphony Chorus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVowLNuV4Zk>

*Agnus Dei* by Samuel Barber

You can find out more about the RSC here:

<https://www.facebook.com/RotterdamSymphonyChorus/>

**Service of Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in E major Vincent Lubeck

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

Welcome

*Book of Common Prayer Page 78*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and

mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

**(Spotlight on 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.**

*The Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter Page 80**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

**(Spotlight on People )**

***People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

*Officiant and People*

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

**(Spotlight on People)**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*The Collect of the Day*

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.*

*One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm*

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**(Mark to Introduce Venite and then Spotlight on People )**

**Venite**  *Psalm 95:1-7 Pg. 82 in BCP*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**(Spotlight on Sally -- Sally to give page number and verses in BCP)**

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \***

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*

we will not hide from their children.

**4 We will recount to generations to come**

**the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \***

**and the wonderful works he has done.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \***

**he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \***

**and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Reader: This morning’s first reading comes from Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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.

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

***People:*  As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

**(Spotlight on Reader )**

Reader: This morning’s first reading comes from *The Reader may sa*y Here ends the Lesson.

**(Mark to announce hymn**)

Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!

**(Spotlight on David**)

GOSPELLER: This morning’s Gospel comes from Matthew (21:23-32)

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.

The Reader may say Here ends the Lesson.

**Homily (Spotlight on Mark** )

**(Then after homily, Mark will introduce Apostles Creed -- then Spotlight on People)**

**The Apostles' Creed**  Pg. 96 *Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**(Spotlight on Sally)**

**Prayers of the People** (*adapted for use in Morning Prayer*) Led by Sally.

In turning to the ways of God our lives are saved from the grip of the Evil One, and the humility of love lightens our path. We offer our prayers.

*Silence*

For the grace to move from grumbling to shared responsibility, from accusation to a search for truth, from humiliation and shame to God’s compassion and mercy.

*Silence*

That we may bear witness to the wonderful works of God, so that our children and the generations to come may walk in the path of faith and announce the mystery of faith through their lives.

*Silence*

That we may bend the knee of our hearts to those who live in despair and great need, knowing that they are Christ to us, a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with compassion, and transforms the way we live.

*Silence*

For those who work at night, staying awake while others sleep, guarding our streets, and healing the sick, that they may labor in safety and receive the rest that prepares them for another round.

For our President, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may be honest and vigilant in their duties, knowing that their decisions affect the peoples of our land, and of the nations of the world.

*Silence*

For those who have died and now reside on another shore and in a greater light, that their faith may inspire our own, and their generosity encourage the way in which we use our gifts. We remember those who have died.

*Silence*

Let us continue our prayers for all who live in the shadows of life, and those who have commended themselves for our remembrance.

*Silence*

For continued prayers for those impacted by the fires on the West Coast.

For those who continue to recover from the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast.

For our nation as we approach national elections in November.

For those impacted by this pandemic.

*Silence — Add your prayers, aloud or in your hearts*

Mary, Nesta and Dean, Maureen and Lee, Dennis, Karen, Donna Lee, Melanie, Trina, Lionel, Judy, Carol, Tom, Kristi, Tom

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow using the chat function.*

*Officiant*  Let us pray our Lord’s Prayer

**(Spotlight on People)**

*People*

**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 Offertory and Announcements (Highlight from Enews)*

But do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15,16*

We invite your continued donations and pledges by mail or online. Thank you!

Musical Offering Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Peter Pindar Stearns

Cathy Hammon, mezzo-soprano, Maggie O’Neill, soprano

Bruce Adami, Organ

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

**(Spotlight on People**)

*The General Thanksgiving page 101*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Or*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom page 102*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two**

**or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**(Mark to announce hymn)**

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

*Then may be said*

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can;

and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting, O God, that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

**(Maggie to put up last screen with Copyright information before YouTube service concludes)**

Postlude: *Allegro in E major Vincent Lubeck*

We invite you to stay online for our virtual coffee hour