

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 8

Morning has broken

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The Greeting

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Celebrant

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

People

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

A Song of Praise

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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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.**

The Lessons, the People sit

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

[17: 1–7]

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Reph'idim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Ho'reb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the

people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Mas'sah and Mer'ibah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

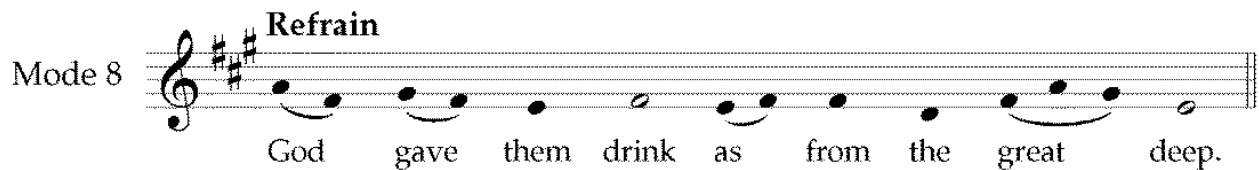
Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78 (1 – 4, 12 – 16) *Attendite, popule*

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The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited.



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A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

[2: 1 – 13]

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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 654

Day by day

SUMNER

The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 21: 23 - 32]

Deacon 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."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Zebulun Treloar

After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed, standing

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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

As you are able, stand or kneel for prayer.

Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.

Deacon: 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, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

We pray for your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr. Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for the clergy and people of Hospital Chaplaincies; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Gangara Deanary; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of Nhlanguano Parish; in our own Diocese we pray for all members, associates, and companions of the various Religious Orders; all Chaplains serving in the Military, Hospitals, Prisons, Colleges, Universities and other Educational Institutions; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Mabor, Penny, Carol, Muffy, Henry, Diane, Tom, Katie, Scott, Doug, Babs, and Martha; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray the clergy and people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. For all the Church of God, let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. That the leaders of the nations may maintain justice that leads to peace, and harmony that leads to abundant life for all people; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That we may listen to and work alongside those who live in despair and great need, knowing that they are Christ to us, let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our President, his advisors, 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 the nations of the world; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Let us continue our prayers.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently, aloud or typed in the comments.

Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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All kneel as able, and the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Announcements for September 27, 2020
Due to COVID-19 the building is closed to all group meetings until the
Coronavirus abates.

The Cathedral Office is closed except by appointment and for essential needs only. Voice mails may be left for staff at 515-288-7292 and will be checked regularly. Emails are also welcome at the following email addresses:

Amma Nicola: ammanicola@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
Fr. Zeb: fatherzeb@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
Deacon John: deacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
John Zickefoose: administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Although we cannot gather, there are ways we can be together during the week, and we hope you will join with us for these on-line services:

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM every week on Wednesday

Virtual Coffee Hour: After worship every week on Sunday

Log-Ins can be found in our weekly e-blast

You may email administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org to receive our e-blast. If you do not have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer at home, you may access it online at bcponline.org.

Financial Giving

The expenses of the church continue through the COVID-19 crisis and so does our ministry.

Financial contributions can mailed:

815 High St. Des Moines, IA 50309

given online: cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

or texted: 515-207-8133

If you would like to make a contribution to support those experiencing hardship please note that your gift is for the "Clergy Discretionary Fund"

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The Cathedral Church of St. Paul-Episcopal

And by joining our private Facebook Group:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

We also have a private Facebook Group for parents and kids:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Kids Des Moines

We'd love to hear your prayer requests, share events with you, and connect as a community.