

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

WE WELCOME GERI FURI AS OUR ORGANIST, AND KRISTINA KAMM AS OUR SOLOIST.

READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-30, 34-38

Our Readers: Jeanne Poleski and Ray Rhein

Organ: "Andante tranquillo" from the Capriol Suite by Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

## Hymn 427, When Morning Gilds The Skies, My Heart Awakening Cries

### THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

### All sing (insert): Glory To You, Lord God Of Our Fathers, Glory To You

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 forever. **Amen.**

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Our first reading tells of the servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication. Christians have long perceived in these words a foretelling of Jesus' mission.

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 awakens-- awakens 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?

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

*Psalm 116 is an offering of thanksgiving and praise by one who has been rescued from death. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.*



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. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. **R.** Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray you, save my life!' Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **R.** The Lord watches over the innocent, I was brought very low, and he helped me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. **R.** For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

## A Reading from the Letter of James

In this New Testament lesson, the community is reminded that one who instructs others will be held to a high standard. Of particular concern are habits of speech. There is a great danger in an uncontrolled tongue. The Christian must learn self-discipline in order that God may be glorified.

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 saltwater yield fresh.

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

*All stand The cantor sings "alleluia"; all repeat, and sing again after the verse.*



V. The commandments of the Lord are sure: They stand fast forever and ever. **R. Alleluia (3x)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **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. 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."

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

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

**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. (continued)**

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.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do,  
let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself,  
let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them,  
let us pray to the Lord. R.

*Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.*

In our Diocese: St. John's, Royal Oak; Holy Faith, Saline In the Anglican Communion: The Church in Nigeria

For those on our prayer list: Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Christopher.  
For the continuing recovery of Steuart Graham and Anne Grayr.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

May God's peace be with you always. And also with you. *The people may greet each other briefly.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.*

### Hymn 632, O Christ, The Word Incarnate, O Wisdom From On High

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of wisdom and truth, we give you heartfelt thanks . . . we gather around your throne, singing your eternal hymn of glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*

C: Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us:  
P: There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

*After all have received, please stand and pray together:*

Everliving God; We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are the living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

### Hymn 675, Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said

Organ: "Toccata Septima" by Georg Muffat (1653-1704)

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