



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
E P I S C O P A L

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 21
September 27, 2020
8:00 a.m.**

**Daily Morning Prayer:
Rite Two**

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

The order of service can also be followed beginning on page 79 in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Officiant begins the service with the opening sentence of Scripture.

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*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People together

**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

BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The following Antiphon is said with the Invitatory Psalm

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.

Jubilate Psalm 100

BCP 82

Officiant

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi (led by the Lector)

BCP 614

- 1 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.
 - 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
 - 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
 - 4 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.
 - 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
 - 6 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.
 - 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
 - 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* (*Officiant and People*)

Luke 1: 68-79

BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeller A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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 Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Rev. Cn. Jeff Martinhauk

Silence may be kept.

The Apostles’ Creed

BCP 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.**

The Prayers

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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.**

Then follows the Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says the following Collect

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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387

The Deacon and People pray responsively.

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who sleep outside, and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for The Episcopal Church's witness for justice and work to dismantle systemic racism.

The Intercessor offers thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation.

Silence

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome and announcements

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

**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 at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 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.**

The Blessing

Officiant

The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon

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

Ministers of the Liturgy

Officiant & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Homilist: The Rev. Cn. Jeff Martinhauk

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Reader: Daniel Love

The building is closed but we are still the church! Our staff is still hard at work facilitating the ministry of the church in this challenging time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop. A few notes about giving in this time:

1. Even though the office is closed, you may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at stpaulcathedral.org/donate. There you may schedule automatic donations that do not require the staff to handle postal mail, allowing staff to focus on other tasks and reducing contact with paper.
3. Consider making an additional donation to the Bishop's "For Such a Time as This" fund to help those in need across our diocesan communities. This is a time for all of us to come together to ensure that every family has what they need to survive during this current crisis. Thank you for your contribution.

Donation link with the option to donate to "For Such a Time as This" fund:

<https://public.serviceu.com/DonationForm/26692?orgkey=6983060e-be9e-45f6-b9b5-72a8f022f9a0&SGUID=18F8C598-8EB2-43B1-912C-61CD492DBC6F&RN=839534543>

or online link: <https://edsd.org/make-a-gift/>

or by mail to:

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92107

Thank you!

A Litany for the Sins of Racism*

1) Oh God, in whose image the whole human family was created, we pray for all whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence.

While those whose lives have been altered are too many to name, we remember by name, *Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Arbery, and George Floyd*, beloved children of God, whose killings have yet again exposed the pervasive poison of racial injustice, inflamed rhetoric and division, and actions that perpetuate inequality.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them all in your peace.

2) We remember their families and friends, beloved children of God each one. Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

3) We remember the residents of too many of our cities, beloved children of God, who have seen their communities disrupted by horrific violence.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

4) We remember the protestors, beloved children of God, and those still gathering across cities, states, and the country to demand justice and change.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

5) We remember the residents of too many of our cities, beloved children of God, who have seen their neighborhood erupt in violence and destruction, especially by those whose aim is to further division and hatred. We remember those who have watched their livelihoods and places of work go up in flames.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

6) We remember those killed during the riots of this past week, beloved children of God.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

7) We remember the Black community throughout this country, beloved children of God, who have for decades cried out against injustice and brutality at the hands of police, and who have not been heard by those with the power to make change. We remember our Black brothers and sisters, groaning under the weight of redlining, segregation, underfunded schools, unequal economic opportunity, indignity, and ever-present fear.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

8) We remember our public officials, beloved children of God, managing a global pandemic, city-wide protests, violence, and profound public distrust at the same time.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

9) We pray for courage and integrity of all police officers who find themselves working within a system that has a fraught history of racial violence and injustice. We pray for courage and integrity as individuals, in this country, that we would stand for justice and work for systematic change in all our institutions.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

10) We remember all citizens of this country, beloved children of God. We have been traumatized, grief-stricken, enraged, and heart-sickened by the video of one neighbor slowly snuffing the life out of another, by riots and looting, by the sounds of flash- bang grenades, the sting of tear gas, the scent of smoke, and by our own helplessness.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle us in your peace.

11) We remember those who have pledged their lives to racist ideologies, beloved children of God. We acknowledge the pain they have caused to victims of violence, to their communities, to their families, and to their own souls. We acknowledge that each of us carries racist ideology within us, and we beg your mercy to free all your people from it.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle us in your peace.

12) We know that the sickness of racism is in this nation's very bedrock. Today we acknowledge and repent of the twin original sins of this nation: the genocide of the indigenous people of this land and the institution of chattel slavery. We know that the shockwaves from these sins still reverberate today, that the trauma from these sins live in our bodies, and that the pain we suffer now has its origin in those first treacheries.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

13) We repent of laws that codify or allow unequal treatment based on race, ethnicity, religion, or skin tone. We repent of promises broken again and again. We repent of foreign policy that sees more value in some human lives than in others.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

14) We repent of the role of the church, historically and presently, in supporting and emboldening these policies. We repent of the ways that we have made your church a home to oppression, exclusion, or indignity for any child of God.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

15) We acknowledge and repent of the fact that this country has never shared its abundance equally. We acknowledge and repent of the fact of disparities based on race, that are born out in scholastic achievement, employment, household wealth, homeownership.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

16) We repent of the ill-use of your bounty: we hoard land and wealth, manipulate plants and animals, abuse your creation, and your most vulnerable people suffer the consequences.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

17) We who benefit from white supremacy acknowledge that we have been given unearned privilege at the expense of our Indigenous, Black, Asian, Latine, brown-skinned, immigrant, and non-Christian siblings. We repent of the ways in which we have allowed our own fear, complacency, and incuriosity to blind us to the belovedness of your children, each, like us, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

18) Oh God of infinite affection, you looked at all that you had made and called it good. By your grace, help us to look upon your creation and to see, with your mothering eyes of love, how good, how good, how good it is.

Lord, in your mercy.
Christ, in your mercy.
Lord, in your mercy.
Amen.

Closing Words (from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry)

“What America has seen in the past several days may leave us wondering what we can possibly do in this moment to be good Samaritans—to help heal our country, even the parts we don’t know or like. But we have the answer. Now is the time for a national renewal of the ideals of human equality, liberty, and justice for all. Now is the time to commit to cherishing and respecting all lives, and to honoring the dignity and infinite worth of every child of God. Now is the time for all of us to show—in our words, our actions, and our lives—what love really looks like.”

- Adapted from “A Litany for Minnesota’s Sins of Racism” by Emilia Allen

September 27, 2020 – Pentecost 17(A)
The Episcopal Church Annual Appeal

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

At baptism, we promise to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Today, Episcopalians are turning out in cities and towns across the United States to make that promise real by demanding an end to systemic racism. With a gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal, you can support their ministry and The Episcopal Church’s witness for justice at this pivotal time.

In the last two months, The Episcopal Church has rushed funds to our dioceses in Minnesota, Kentucky, and Georgia where laypeople and clergy are partnering with local organizers and activists to end the racist brutality that led to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. The struggle against racism is long and hard, and it is taking place not only in those communities, but also in congregations and dioceses across our church. And as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, “We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.”

If your income is uninterrupted during the coronavirus pandemic, we invite you to join us in supporting Episcopalians working against racism with a gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal.

You can make a gift three ways: you can return the enclosed envelope with your check or credit card information; you can make your gift online at www.episcopalchurch.org/give; or you can call 212-716-6002 and make your gift over the phone. Thank you. With your support, our church can draw closer to becoming the Beloved Community that God calls us to be.

In Christ,

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
President, House of Deputies
The Episcopal Church

Mr. Byron Rushing
Vice President, House of Deputies
The Episcopal Church

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Freely you have received; freely give.
MATTHEW 10:8