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THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Prelude: Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

The Sanctus for this Sunday (on page 10)

Hymn of Invocation: 871 Greet the Rising Sun

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Confession of Sins

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve your creation faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Absolution

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to him. May He keep you in his grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: 948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with you, His servant.**

- P** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
 he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
 I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
 and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.
Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: I Will Walk in the Presence of God

The congregation sings the response as indicated.

Choir: For the love of the One who has heard my cry:

Congregation:



I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

Choir: God has heard my distress, and I shall not die:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

*Choir: I will walk in the presence of God in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:*

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: In the cords of my death, I was tangled round:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: Those who seek You in anguish shall not be bound:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

*Choir: I will walk in the presence of God in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:*

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: God is mercy and grace and the simple are blest:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: Raised me up in my pain, God my safely and rest:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

*Choir: I will walk in the presence of God in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:*

C I will walk in the presence of God.

continues...

Choir: God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: God has dried all my tears and renewed my breath:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

*Choir: I will walk in the presence of God in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:*

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: What return can I give for the gifts I claim?

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Choir: Lift the cup of salvation and praise Your name:

C I will walk in the presence of God.

*Choir: I will walk in the presence of God in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:*

C I will walk in the presence of God.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, 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 things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same

opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Jesus and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Invitation

- P** Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when he was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, he took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with you, his servant.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **To do so is both right and proper.**
- P** We thank You, Almighty Lord, that You are a God of all mankind, that You are not ashamed to be called our God, that You know us by our name, that You keep the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on this earth. Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists. Blessed are You, who have given us space and time to live in. Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe. We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore we praise Your Majesty, Almighty God, with all Your faithful people; therefore we bow before You and adore You with the words:

Sanctus: 960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their
fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er
called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of
Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels
trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spoke

629 What Is This Bread

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Stand

The Dismissal

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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