

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 24, 2023

807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart, awaking, cries,  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 2 When mirth for music longs,  
This is my song of songs:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s holy house of prayer  
Hath none that can compare  
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 3 No lovelier antiphon  
In all high heav’n is known  
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
There to the eternal Word  
The eternal psalm is heard:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 4 Ye nations of mankind,  
In this your concord find:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space,  
Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s whole creation o’er,  
Both now and evermore  
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Introit

*Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

## Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

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

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle Reading

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

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

## Alleluia

- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 20:1–16*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

### 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
When once we heed Your call:  
To live according to Your Word  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That You are Lord of all  
And will not let us fall.

- 2 **But if, forgetful, we should find  
Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care:  
Our inward life repair.**
- 3 **We marvel how Your saints become  
In hindrances more sure;  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
The casual way we wear Your name  
And by our faults obscure  
Your pow’r to cleanse and cure.**
- 4 **In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new,  
May we not cease to look to You,  
The cross You hung upon—  
All You endeavored done.**

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## Sermon “Why am I here” Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30

### Offertory

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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