

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Introit: Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6**

The LORD lifts up the humble;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**  
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**  
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
**he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**  
He heals the brokenhearted  
**and binds up their wounds.**  
He determines the number of the stars;  
**he gives to all of them their names.**  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
**his understanding is beyond measure.**  
**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.**  
The LORD lifts up the humble;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

**Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32**

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

**Gradual: Psalm 91:11; 103:1**

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1–18**

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

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23–32**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.  
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Psalm 25:1–10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

**I lift up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

**let me not be put to shame;**

**let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all the day long.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,

**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## Sermon “Interest” Phil. 2:1-18

### 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  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Lord’s Prayer

**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.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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