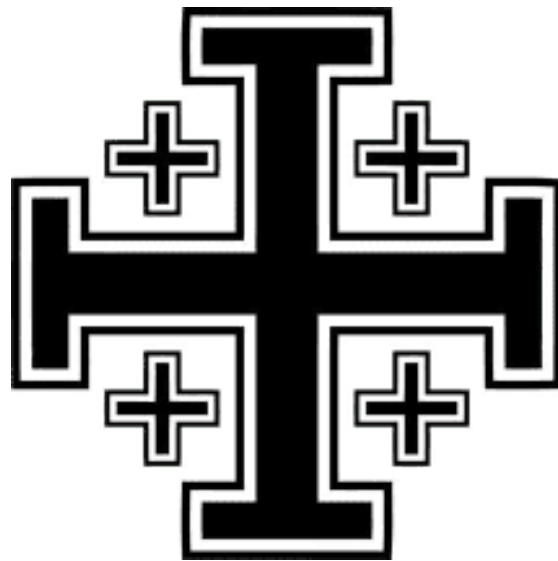


# The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday September 24, 2023

## SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord

*Let us go. (Let us go.)  
Let us go. (Let us go.)  
Let us go to the house of the Lord!*

*Where we can praise Him!  
We can worship the Lord.  
He is worthy!  
He is worthy of praise.*

*He has taken us from death unto life.  
He has taken us from darkness into light.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his 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.***

## GLORIA

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Together, let us pray.

***Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE SONG - Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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| <p>1. <i>I am weak, but thou art strong<br/>Jesus, keep me from all wrong.<br/>I'll be satisfied as long<br/>As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.</i></p> <p><i>Refrain:</i><br/><i>Just a closer walk with Thee<br/>Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,<br/>Daily walking close to thee,<br/>Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Through this world of toils and snares,<br/>If I falter, Lord, who cares?<br/>Who with me my burden shares?<br/>None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.<br/>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>3. <i>When my feeble life is o'er,<br/>Time for me will be no more;<br/>Guide me gently, safely o'er<br/>To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.<br/>(Refrain)</i></p> |
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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON - Rev. Jeremy**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD - Beautiful One**

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| 1. Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love,<br>Your cross has spoken mercy over me.<br>No eye has seen, no ear has heard,<br>No heart could fully know<br>How glorious, how beautiful you are! | (Chorus)<br>Beautiful one I love you,<br>Beautiful one I adore,<br>Beautiful one my soul must sing. |
| 2. Powerful, so powerful, your glory fills the skies,<br>Your mighty works displayed for all to see.<br>The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing.<br>How marvelous, how wonderful you are.  |   |
| 3. You opened my eyes to your wonders anew,<br>You captured my heart with this love<br>'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you.  |   |

**THE NICENE CREED**

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.*

*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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

*Silence*

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, Lord.

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of our nation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, and as we seek to repair and renew our church home, give our Vestry, Building Team, and all members of our Calvary family wisdom, discernment and willing and generous hearts, so that we may renew not only this building, but also our commitment to your mission of restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ Jesus;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, Lord.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Let us pray together for rain: ***O God, thank you for the rain you have provided. Please send more abundant rain to restore our parched earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

***Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.***

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

#### **ABSOLUTION**

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 PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE OFFERTORY - Psalm 19 (May the Words of My Mouth)**

***May the words of my mouth  
and the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to you. Pleasing to you.  
May the words of my mouth  
and the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to you my God.***

***You're my rock and my redeemer.  
You're the reason that I sing.  
I desire to be a blessing in your eyes.  
Every hour, every moment,  
Lord, I want to be your servant.  
I desire to be a blessing in your eyes,  
In your eyes.***



## THE DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *[Proper Preface is added]*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power, of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

***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.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.  
Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

#### **COMMUNION SONG - The Bread has Been Broken**

- 1. Come to the table and worship the Savior  
Taste what forgiveness is for  
His mercy will lead us, the grace of God feed us  
Making us hungry for more  
His body was given for you and for me  
Look on the Cross and believe***
- 2. The bread has been broken  
and all those who know Him  
Believe without touching a scar  
His death reconciled us; we live sanctified to  
Become what we already are  
To Him who loves us and freed us to love  
Be glory and honor and praise***

#### **CHORUS:**

***The Bread has been broken  
Our eyes have been opened  
Oh come, Lord, restore and renew  
Your word has been spoken  
So humble and broken  
We do all in remembrance of You  
  
His body was given for you and for me  
Look on the Cross and believe.***

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which 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.** (these words may differ from time to time)

## CLOSING SONG - Shout to the North

1. ***Men of faith, rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete.***

***Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and west  
Jesus is Savior to all  
Lord of Heaven and Earth***

2. ***Rise up, women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of Love?***

***We've been through fire  
We've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips.***

3. ***Rise up, church, with broken wings  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By His grace again we'll fly.***

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (these words may differ from time to time)  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***



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Carol Ann Christian in thanksgiving for son, Kyle's birthday  
&  
Duncan and Nancy Reid in thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage  
&  
Dorothy Lyons in memory of Jerry Arnett, Louise Hartin, and Julia Lyons  
&  
Priscilla Oyekan in memory of Soni Oyekan and Edward M. Parker

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The notebook to sign up for flower offerings is in the Narthex.  
Please stop by and sign up or contact the church office. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

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8:00 AM Sunday - Traditional Service  
10:30 AM Sunday - Contemporary Service  
5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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