

**Holy Trinity Church**  
**446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550**  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

**The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020**  
*9:30 a.m. Choral Service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*  
*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist*  
*Jean Frost, Reader*

**VIGIL LIGHT**

*The vigil light today is given to the Glory of God and  
for healing for Laura Gervais, and for healing and comfort for Betty & Ray,  
given by Judy Reich.*

**Prelude:** “Nettleton” Setting by Charles Callahan from “6 Meditations on American Folk Hymns”

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional hymn #593**

*Words: James Quinn Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.*

**Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.  
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And Blessed be God’s Kingdom now and forever. AMEN**

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria: WLP 900 Glory to God** *Setting: John Rutter*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heav’nly 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.**

**Collect** *(said by all)*

**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.**

**First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will

be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” *Exodus 17:1--7*  
Reader The Word of the Lord    **People Thanks be to God**

## Silence

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Said by all in unison*    BCP p. 694

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.  
That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.  
We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.  
He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.  
He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.  
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.  
He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## Gospel Acclamation



## Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**People**    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord    **People**    **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388 **RESPONSE:** Hear our prayer.

**Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen**

**Confession & Absolution**

**BCP, p. 360**

**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 Peace**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory Hymn #435**

**At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book, p. 361**

**Sanctus WLP #857 Holy, holy, holy Lord**

*Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham*

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Book, p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem: S-164**

*Setting: Franz Peter Schubert; Arr: Richard Proulx)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Communion**

**Prayer**

**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. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

## The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #711**      *Music & Words: Karen Lafferty*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;**

**Allelu, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;**

**Allelu, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Dismissal**      Let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” -Lutkin*

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