

# The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Proper 19

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

September 15, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

\* indicates please stand

**Prelude** Reverie (*Twenty-four Pieces*)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**\*Processional Hymn** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (*Abbot's Leigh*)

**Hymnal #523**

**\*Opening Sentence**

### Confession

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### \*The Invitation

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

**\*The Jubilate** (*sung by the Choir*)

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that  
hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his  
pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of  
his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is  
everlasting;\*  
and his truth endureth from generation to  
generation.

**Psalm 19:1–8** *Caeli enarrant* (*sung by the Choir*)

William Crotch (1775-1847)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to  
another.

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his  
chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the  
heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

**The First Lesson**

**Proverbs 1:20–33**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**The Epistle Reading**

**James 3:1–12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet 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 exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Canticle 13 *Glory to You*** (please join in singing)

**Hymnal S-236**

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Mark 8:27–38**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**\*Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
 Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
 Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the  
 Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and  
 the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Officiant:* Let us pray.

**The 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,  
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Suffrage A**

**V.** O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**R.** And grant us thy salvation.  
**V.** Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
**R.** And make thy chosen people joyful.  
**V.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.** For only in thee can we live in safety.  
**V.** Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

**R.** And guide us in the way of justice and  
 truth.  
**V.** Let thy way be known upon earth;  
**R.** Thy saving health among all nations.  
**V.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R.** Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**V.** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R.** And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Almighty God of mercy and compassion, you sent your Son Jesus to teach us the things that make for peace; help the leaders of this world to lay down their weapons of war. Help those who make decisions on behalf of the people of Israel and of Gaza to safeguard human life and flourishing and turn away from death and destruction. Help us living in the US to use our liberty and safety to speak on behalf of those who live in deprivation and danger, and save us from denial and complicity in the evils we deplore, and as we labor, give comfort, strength, and safety to all of your children in the land we call Holy. Through Christ our Lord. *God of peace and justice, bear our prayers. Amen*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for

Joan	Gerald	Avery	Mary Beth	Nick	Rebekah
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Jim	Sarah	Jeff	Jan	Shawn	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Ellen J. Gainor, George Damp, Kelsea Jones

### **\*Collect of the Day**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **\*Collects**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesu Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **\*The Peace**

### **Announcements & Welcome**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

T. F. H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

**\*Presentation Hymn** Praise to God (*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)

**Hymnal #380 v.3**

*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.*

**\*The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Dismissal**

**\*Recessional Hymn** The Church’s One Foundation (*Aurelia*)

**Hymnal #525**

**Postlude** Finale (*Six Intermezzi*)

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

**Crucifer:** Chris Way

**Liturgical Ministers:** Lillian Wright, Pam Talbot

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15 September Year B

### Hymns

#### Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*(Abbot's Leigh)*

Hymnal #523

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

#### Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

*(St. Anne)*

Hymn 679

1 Surely it is God who saves me;  
trusting him I shall not fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me  
and his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water  
from salvatsion's living spring;  
in the day of your deliverance  
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds known to the peoples:  
tell out his exalted Name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;  
all his works his might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing;  
for with you has come to dwell,  
in your very midst, the great and  
Holy One of Israel.

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#### Canticle 13 *Glory to You*

Hymnal S-236

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy  
Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.



**Praise to God (*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)**  
**Hymnal #380 v.3**

3 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.

**The Church's One Foundation (*Aurelia*)**  
**Hymnal #525**

1 The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.