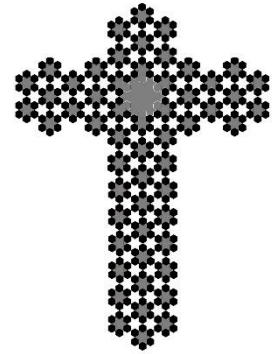


# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Holy Communion: Rite One



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** Priest Deacon Leader Congregation Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hebrew Melody  
Isabelle Schueler, cellist

***[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]***

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*[Please remain seated.]*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*[Please stand.]*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Al** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy Spirit.

**P** Let us pray. . . . 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.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Readings:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-8, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

*[Please be seated.]*

### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel, Chapter 18...*

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

- L** *We will read responsively Psalm 25...*
- L** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- G** **Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- L** Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- G** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- L** Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- G** **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- L** Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- G** **He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.**

## The Second Reading

- L** *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 2*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

[Please stand.]

- D** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
- G** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
- D** 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.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

**THE NICENE CREED**

[Please stand.]

☩ **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**     *[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

Ⓓ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Ⓔ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity. Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; and Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; All Saints, Tarpon Springs; St. Giles, Pinellas Park, and the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers, and those we now name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for flowers on the Altar given to the Glory of God and for the birthdays this coming week of Joanne Drega, Sharon Ozbun, Brett Dickie, Dick Fraley, Aggie Kall, Marilyn Ringquist, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Butch and Diane Niford, Bill and Pat Elmendorf. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*] and those we name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray...

☩ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[Please kneel or stand.]

Ⓓ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God, . . .

Ⓐ **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Ⓔ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. **During this time of social distancing**, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

Ⓔ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ⓓ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[Please be seated. **The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.**]

OFFERTORY

*Arioso*

J.S. Bach

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

Ⓓ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Ⓔ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

Ⓔ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Ⓔ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**

Ⓔ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**☩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**ℙ** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

**ℙ** For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**ℙ** Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

**ℙ** Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**☩ And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**ℙ** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**☩ AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ℙ** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**☩ 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

☞ God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

☞ **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

☞ 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.

*[Please be seated.]*

**[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.***

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*[Please stand.]*

☞ The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of our God; and the blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Rondeau*

J.J. Mouret

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicer/Acolyte	Wendy Dickie
Lector	Edward Hopwood
Prayers of the People	Brett Dickie
Ushers	Betty Lombardo & Dick Smedley
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates