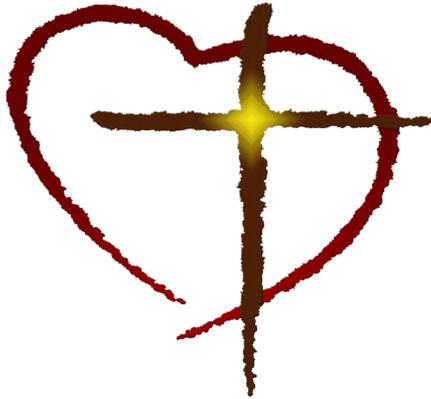


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*The Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost*



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SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

from With One Voice

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "O Day of Peace"

O Day of Peace

1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de-vour the small;

The first system of the hymn features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is written for both treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with two verses of text.

guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.

The second system continues the hymn with the same musical notation. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, continuing the text from the first system.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;

The third system concludes the hymn with the same musical notation. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, completing the text.

till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.
Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;

just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name? *Refrain*

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All

na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,

for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TEMPLE TALK: *Stewardship through Fellowship*

Greg Kilby

TRIO: *Here I Am to Worship*

Mary Mast, Rebecca Mast, Mary Ann Stasiak

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

THE PSALM

Psalm 54

¹ Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

² **Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For the arrogant
have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴ **Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them,

⁶ **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD,
for it is good.**

⁷ For you have rescued me
from every trouble,
and my eye
has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a square symbol. The lyrics are: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The second staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!". The third staff has lyrics: "Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.". The fourth staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The fifth staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!".

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

716 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heav'n de -
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre -
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all

scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and
 a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, cru - ci -
 blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our
 tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove, God the

hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y, we re -
 fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the world re -
 tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y
 Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to all truth

vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
 lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

THE SERMON

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell.

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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
Agree with one another, live in peace.

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

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3



☐ *(Advent to Transfiguration)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G C/G G C/G G D

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G Em Am G C Am Am⁷ D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G C/G G C/G G D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

G Em Am⁷ G C Am G C D

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

D G Gsus⁴ G C G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

Am⁷ G C D G Gsus⁴ G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

C G Am⁷ D G Gsus⁴ G

THE DISMISSAL
 THE POSTLUDE