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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Processional Hymn *"Lobe den Herren"* **Hymn 390**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health
and salvation;
join the great throng, psaltery organ,
and song, sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, over all things he
gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagles wings, safely his saints
he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou is
needest hath been granted
In what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever
attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people
again;
gladly forever adore him.

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.**

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
 and she laughs at the time to come.
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
 She looks well to the ways of her household,
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.
 Her children rise up and call her happy;
 her husband too, and he praises her:
 "Many women have done excellently,
 but you surpass them all."
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
 and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

The congregation is asked to please stand and sing the Psalm with the choir

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the
 counsel /of the/ wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the /seats of the scorn/full!
- 2 Their delight is in the law /of the /LORD, *
 and they meditate on /his law day and /night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that/ do not /wither; *
 every/thing they do shall /prosper.
- 4 It is not so/ with the /wicked; *
 they are like chaff/ which the wind blows a/way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when/ judgment /comes, *
 nor the sinner in the /council of the /righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way /of the /righteous, *
 but the /way of the wicked is /doomed.



James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

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. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

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

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn

"Kingsfold"

Hymn 480

1 When Jesus left his Father's throne,
he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonored and unknown,
he came to dwell on earth.
Like him may we be found below
in wisdom's path of peace;
like him in grace and knowledge grow
as years and strength increase.

2 Sweet were his words and kind his look,
when mothers round him pressed;
their infants in his arms he took,
and on his bosom blessed.
Safe from the world's alluring harms,

beneath his watchful eye,
thus in the circle of his arms
may we for ever lie.

3 When Jesus into Zion rode,
the children sang around;
for joy they plucked the palms and
strowed
their garments on the ground.
Hosanna our glad voices raise,
hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Savior's praise,
the stones themselves would sing.

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 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." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Hull

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 – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark Bourlakas our Bishop; and Justin, Jonathan, and Nick and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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.

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, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

God's Endless Love

Robert J. Powell

The Doxology:

"Hymn 380 v. 3"

Old 100th

All: 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 Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image,
and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

*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 people kneel or stand.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal S 154

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

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.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*

Communion Chant

Blessed are they who walk in his ways

Psalm 119

Communion Music: From the Taize Community

Jacques Berthier

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Repeat)

Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray Celebrant and People

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

Recessional Hymn

"Slane"

Hymn 482

1 Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts,
Lord at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,

be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,

your love in our hearts,
Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts,
Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Gottfried Walther

*We give thanks for the beauty of the Altar and Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving
for the marriage of Beverly Pitzer and George Lyle*

Congratulations to Beverly and George!

Dedication of the Undercroft and Chapel renovations will be after today's service in the Undercroft. We will have tea and lemonade, and Nick and Leandra will hang out on the patio outside the Undercroft to visit afterwards

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Mark's Clifford. Pray for the people of St. Mark's Clifford, Grace Massie's Mill and their priest-in-charge The Rev. Allison Caudill. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

***The vestry, with advice from medical professionals and urging of the Bishop, has voted to make masks mandatory for all indoor activities at the church and parish house for the foreseeable future.

Following is a statement from the Bishop:

In this moment, care for our neighbors involves limiting the spread of this new variant of the Covid virus to others, especially to those that are most vulnerable. While many of us may be vaccinated and at little risk, wearing masks when we are inside for worship and other gatherings is one way that we show our concern and love for our children, those whose health is fragile, and to those who are not yet vaccinated.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for September: Sugar (4 lb. bag) For the month of September: Dish detergent, deodorant and laundry detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

The Parables: Stories with Intent

A SERIES PRESENTED BY

Br. Peter Budde BSG, MDIV, MA

Beginning Monday, September 20th to November 14th

6:30 to 7:00 PM Fellowship

7:00 to 8:00 Class

at the Parish House

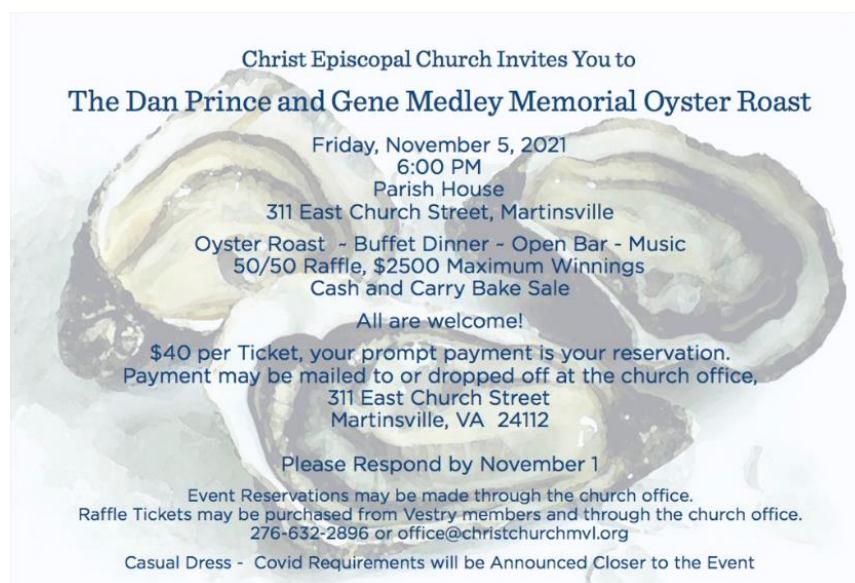
Please bring your preferred Bible

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Reservations with prompt payment are now being taken. ALL money for a reservation needs to be paid by November 1st. No money will be accepted at the door. The cost is \$40 per person for this all-inclusive party. Reservations are being taken on our website under volunteers.

We will have BAKED GOODS for SALE that evening. Please volunteer to bring your favorite dishes, treats and sweets! Please let Debbie Lewis or Nancy Spilman know the descriptions and quantities that you are planning to provide.

A 50/50 raffle tickets are available NOW from Vestry members and the church office. The cost is \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book, with maximum winnings of \$2,500.



Thank you to those who serve:

Officiant: Rev. Nicholas Hull
Lector/prayers: Kelly Cain
Chalicer: Natalie Coleman
Crucifiers: David Cole, Claire Warner Coleman
Torchbearers: Baylie Coleman, Catherine Maxwell
Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn H. Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
Camera Director: Hank Long
Ushers: Hank Long
Altar Guild: Team Three – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Liz Wolchko,
Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Kaye Woodz

Vestry for 2021

Lloyd Barber, Treasurer

Year 3: Dan Cahill, Junior Warden; Natalie Coleman;

Debbie Lewis; Ron Probst

Year 2: Carolyn Byrd, Secretary; Chris Canipe;

Beverley Coleman; Ellen Maxwell

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