

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, with service music indicated by 'S' at the front of the blue Hymnal 1982; 'LEVAS' for hymns from red/black Lift Every Voice and Sing; and 'WLP' for hymns from green Wonder, Love, and Praise.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 448 Oh Love, How deep how broad so high *Deus tuorum militum*

Collect of the Day

God Be With You

And Also With You

Let us Pray

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.

First Lesson A reading from **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
Therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam*

*I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*

***The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.***

*Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."*

***Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.***

*The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.*

***Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.***

*For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.*

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.***

Epistle A reading from the letter of 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.

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Gradual Hymn 312 Strengthen for Service, Lord *Malabar*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 8:27-38

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ

Offertory Music

Communion Music

Closing Hymn WLP 757 Will you come and follow me *Music by John L. Hooker*

Postlude

Participants in Today's Service

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music •
Eileen Tallent, Usher • Faye Pritchard, Toni Littlestone, Altar Guild
Lisa Pope, Reader • Bill Pritchard, Prayers of the People •
Christine Williams, Lay Eucharistic Minister •
Patricia Broida, Teller • Lynn Robinson, Fellowship •
Peter Olivere & Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

Announcements

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. ***Please join us for coffee hour*** downstairs after the service.

The Path Ahead - 6 Week Course on Spirituality and Purpose in Later Life, continues, meeting **Sunday afternoons at St John's 2:30 - 4, through September 22.**

"Participants grapple with ageism, identify changing spiritual needs, equip themselves with new prayer practices, and engage in discernment about God's continuing call." Please contact Julie+ with any questions.

Celebration of Life Planning Please save Wednesday, September 25th to gather at St Patrick's for what is a loving, but sometimes difficult, task - planning for a funeral or memorial service. Leaving a record of your preferred readings, music, and people you'd like to participate is a gift to those mourning your death. They will want to do their best to include your favorites.

Dental Clinic at St Patrick's Hope for Tomorrow, a free dental clinic operating domestically and internationally for 20 years, will host a dental clinic at St Patrick's on Saturday, September 28. There is a need for volunteers to prepare the Sanctuary for 20 dental chairs, to host the staff and clients, etc. PLEASE reserve time that week to be part of this crucial effort on behalf of our community's health and well-being. Sign up sheet now available for Hospitality tasks on the Clinic Day.

AFAC Bulk Food Packing On the second Friday evening of every other month, a group from St. John's spends an hour at the Arlington Food Assistance Center bagging food. Our thanks to all who took part in our bi-monthly volunteering last Friday. Our next Friday night session will be on November 8. Contact Faye Pritchard on 703-931-2168 if you would like to join in this ministry to help our neighbors in need of food.

Emergency Pastoral Care -- For pastoral emergencies please call or text the Reverend Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2256. Her email address is juliedianebrant@gmail.com. Rev. Bryant also serves as Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (3241 Brush Drive, 22042) in Falls Church. They celebrate their Sunday service at 11 am where you are welcome to attend.

Live-Stream Worship Zoom access link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFSWDNlKoZDUT09> and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. Password: 2020.
Or, zoom.com/join Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

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