

17th Sunday After

# PENTECOST

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you to  
join our family!*

September 15, 2024

## We Gather for Worship

**Opening Hymn: #409**      *The spacious firmament on high*      *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

**Opening Sentences:**      *BCP Page 78*

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*  
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

**Confession**      *BCP Page 79*      *Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **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.**

*Officiant:* 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.**

**Invitatory**      *BCP Page 80*      *Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **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!**

**Antiphon**

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

**Venite: Psalm 95**      *BCP Page 82*

*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God, \*

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant:* Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*

*People:* **at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

*Officiant:* They put me to the test, \*

*People:* **though they had seen my works.**

*Officiant:* Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
*People:* **“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”**  
*Officiant:* So I swore in my wrath, \*  
*People:* **“They shall not enter into my rest.”**

### Antiphon

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

### Psalm 19



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*All:*

- 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. ||
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* |  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ||
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* |  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. ||
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* |  
and in keeping them there is great reward. ||
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* |  
cleanse me from my secret faults. ||
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \* |  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. ||
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \* |  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. ||

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

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

*(Isaiah 55:6-11)*

*All:* **Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,**

**Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;**

**But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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.**

### Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of James.

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #675**

***Take up your cross, the savior said  
(v. 1-3 before, v. 4-5 after Gospel)***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People:* **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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily:** Joshua Chapman

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

## We Pray

### Lord's Prayer

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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.**

### Suffrages: Set A

*BCP Page 98 Please be seated*

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* 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.**

### Collect for Sundays

*BCP Page 98*

*Officiant:* 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.**

### Collect for Grace

*BCP Page 100*

*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Guidance

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*Officiant:* 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect For Mission

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*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. Andrew's, Grove; Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of California; Diocese of Eastern Oregon; The Church in the Province of the West Indies.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine & B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Mike, John, Rose, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, Ronna, Rob, Jeanne, Geneva, Glen, Jackie, Ched, Frankie, Coy, Troy, Taylor, Jan, Deborah, John, Di Noia family, Teresa, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, especially...

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...

*People:* **Alison, Coco, Lucy, and Harold.**

*Reader:* 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.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers *BCP Page 830*

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## For a Birthday

*BCP Page 830*

*Officiant:* Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory Anthem:

***God Be In My Head***

*Remain seated.*

## We Go Out To Do Our Work

## General Thanksgiving

*All:* **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.**

## Sending

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

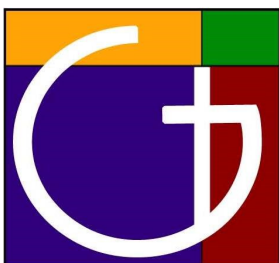
*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

## Closing Hymn: #525

***The Church's one foundation***

*Please stand and sing.*



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