

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 2, 2022 • 10:45am  
*Celebrating and Preaching: The Rev. Noah H. Evans*

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**Prelude: Prélude Sur Une Antienne**  
**Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ**

**Jean Langlais (1907-1991)**  
**J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Opening Hymn: Let us, with a gladsome mind**

**Hymnal 389**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

**Song of Praise: Rise up, ye saints of God**

**Hymnal 551**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**  
**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 137**

*(Please join in singing – turn to the back of the leaflet for music)*

**Setting, Doug Starr**

### **Sequence Hymn: I call on Thee, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Hymnal 634**

### **The Gospel**

#### **Luke 17:5-10**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

### **The 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**

*The Prayers of the People are written by Eileen Sharbaugh. Respond with "Hear our prayer."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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**

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

*People* And also with you.

### **Announcements**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem: Servants of Peace**

**K. Lee Scott**

*Lord, make us servants of your peace:*

*Where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one; where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.*

*Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,  
Nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.*

*May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly.*

*For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiv'n.  
Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day.  
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.*

## The Great Thanksgiving, EOW Prayer 1

The people may stand or kneel.

*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 our thanks and praise.

### *Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### *Celebrant and People, Hymnal S 124*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*



### *The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

### *Celebrant and People*



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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **Agnus Dei**

**Hymnal S 161**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If someone with you would like communion brought to them, please let a greeter know.*

### **Communion Music: By the waters of Babylon**

**Annette Tierney**

*By the rivers of Babylon we laid down and wept for thee, Zion.  
On the willows there we hung our lyres, for the captors there required of us, songs,  
And our tormentor's mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
How shall we sing the LORD'S SONG IN A FOREIGN LAND, O Jerusalem?  
Let my right hand wither if I forget you, I set you above my highest joy.*

### **Post Communion Prayer—said together**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!**

**Hymnal 671**

### **Dismissal**

The worship is ended, the service begins.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Postlude: Psalm 19, "The heavens are telling the glory of God"**

**Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)**

## Music Notes

This Eucharist's readings and music celebrate Creation and Lamentation – the former derived from our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, and the latter derived most particularly by Psalm 137: “By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.” The offertory anthem, “Servants of Peace,” and the postlude, “The heavens are telling the glory of God,” both allude to the message of St. Francis – to love all of God's creation. Lamentation is gently portrayed in the preludes, both Langlais' prelude on an anthem of lament and J. S. Bach's, “I call to you, Lord Jesus.” Annette Tierney's choral anthem at the communion is a reflective setting of Psalm 137.

Are glory in creation and lamentation unworthy of simultaneous consideration? St. Paul thought so in Romans 8:20, reflecting on a future glory attained through suffering: “For the creation was subjected to futility...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

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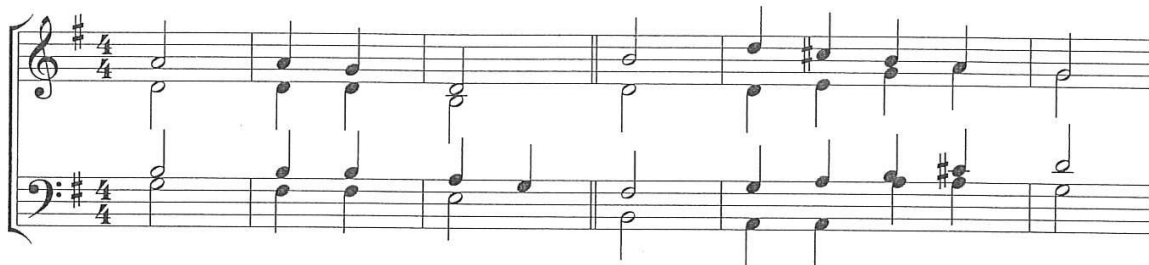
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Psalm 137 Super flumina

setting D. Starr



- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat<sup>1</sup>down and<sup>1</sup>wept, \*  
when we re<sup>1</sup>membered<sup>1</sup>you, O<sup>1</sup>Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we<sup>1</sup>hung them<sup>1</sup>up \*  
on the<sup>1</sup>trees in the<sup>1</sup>midst of that<sup>1</sup>land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors<sup>1</sup>called for<sup>1</sup>mirth: \*  
“Sing us<sup>1</sup>one of the<sup>1</sup>songs of<sup>1</sup>Zion.”
- 4 How shall we<sup>1</sup>sing the<sup>1</sup>LORD’s song \*  
up<sup>1</sup>on an<sup>1</sup>alien<sup>1</sup>soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O<sup>1</sup>Je<sup>1</sup>rusalem, \*  
let my right<sup>1</sup>hand for<sup>1</sup>get its<sup>1</sup>skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do<sup>1</sup>not re<sup>1</sup>member you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem a<sup>1</sup>bove my<sup>1</sup>highest<sup>1</sup>joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,  
against the<sup>1</sup>people of<sup>1</sup>Edom, \*  
who said, “Down with it! down with it!  
even<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>ground!”
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, <sup>1</sup>doomed to de<sup>1</sup>struction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back  
for<sup>1</sup>what you have<sup>1</sup>done to<sup>1</sup>us!
- †9 Happy shall he be who<sup>1</sup>takes your<sup>1</sup>little ones, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>dashes them a<sup>1</sup>gainst the<sup>1</sup>rock!