

Welcome
We are thankful you have joined us today!

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: Ps. 119:166]

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

October 2, 2022-Setting 1

Jesus wants us to take sin seriously. Sometimes we think that, because Jesus is so forgiving (*and he is*), he doesn't care much about it. We confuse forgiving with overlooking. The two are not the same. The pressure is on us in the world today simply to overlook sin. The greatest offense is taking offense. "*You think so and so shouldn't have done this or that? Well - who are you to judge? So just shut up about it.*" The trouble with this is that it gives free rein for sin to multiply and spread. Not that sin doesn't multiply and spread by its own lethal power. One sinner's sin always encourages another sinner's sin. ... We only add fuel to the fire by overlooking scandalous behavior. ...

Jesus said to his disciples... "*temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.*" That's how seriously Jesus takes sin. And it's why he says, "*If your brother sins, rebuke him.*" Don't just overlook it... The right way to take sin seriously is to do it in a way so that forgiveness can happen - not only God's, but ours. "*If your brother sins,*" Jesus says, rebuke him." Not in public, but in private. ...

And you do it not out of spite, but in love and out of concern for the sinner's soul and for the sake of those who might be led astray because of his sin. That's how you rebuke him. And then Jesus adds significantly: "and if he repents, forgive him." ... How hard is that? Excruciatingly hard. I'm using the word "excruciating" on purpose because, tucked away in the middle of it, is the syllable "*cruc*," which comes from the Latin word for "cross." *Cruc. Crux.* Cross. Whether it's repentance or forgiveness that's called for, in either case it's a matter of taking on the cross and pointing to the cross, upon which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died - *excruciatingly* - that we might be forgiven by God and forgiving of one another for the sake of that same Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross is a sure sign of how seriously God takes sin, how serious are the consequences of sin, and how costly is the forgiveness of sin, which nevertheless he offers to us freely.

-Rev. John E. Priest

☞ I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.

☞ I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I praise you
for your just and righteous decrees.

**Great peace have those who love your law:
nothing can make them stumble.**

My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now [TUNE 344] | 902

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[John 20:19-23]



Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting IV]

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise—This Is The Feast

[Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9]

Sung to music on page 155

A This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- W** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set us free to be people of God. **A** Refrain
- M** Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **A** Refrain
- W** Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen **A** Refrain
- M** For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **A** Refrain

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray... *[silence for individual prayer]* O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Habakkuk.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law is paralyzed,

and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;

so justice goes forth perverted.

I will take my stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the tower,

and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD

answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,

so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its

appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it

seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not de-

lay. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within

him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from 2 Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the 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 thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

[2 Timothy 1:1-14]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



And [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

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

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

[Luke 17:1-10]



This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Children's Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Riordan.

Hymn

Once He Came in Blessing | 333

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the *Apostles' Creed* printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the *Life at Faith* insert.

Announcements/Offering

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Please stand.



Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight | 720

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.*

*We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.*

*For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.*

*Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.*

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

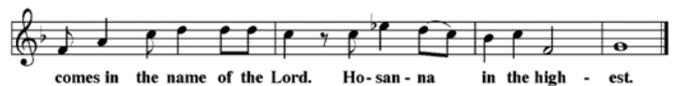
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God [John 1:29]

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table | 618

All Depends on Our Possessing | 732

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29-32]

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

[2 Cor 13:14]

The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God | 895

Postlude

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