

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*St. Francis of Assisi, V. Williams*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam  
thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along  
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
and praise the Spirit, three in One  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me

*People* ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord.

*People* ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All* ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.

*People* ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.

*People* ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified at home.

*People* ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified in Texas.

*People* ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified on earth.

*People* ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.

*People* ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.

*People* ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant* Alleluia!

*People* ***Amen.***

### **The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **The first lesson is from the Book of Jonah, Chapters 3 & 4, Beginning to read at verse 10.**

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. **4** But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?” <sup>5</sup> Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

*Reader*            This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**Psalm 145: 14-21**    *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse*

- 14    The Lord upholds all those who fall \*  
          ***and lifts up all those who are bowed down.***
- 15    The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
          ***and you give them their food in due season.***
- 16    You open wide your hand, \*  
          ***and fill all things living with plenteousness.***
- 17    The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
          ***and merciful in all his works.***
- 18    The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, \*  
          ***to all who call upon him faithfully.***
- 19    He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; \*  
          ***he also will hear their cry and will help them.***
- 20    The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
          ***but he will destroy all the ungodly.***

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
*and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**  
**Philippians 1:21-27**

<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”**

*Lynn De Shazo*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)*

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 20, beginning to read at verse 1

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the

master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.” (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

### Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.***

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Owen Lyons**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* ***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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist* We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All* ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist* Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All* ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist* We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All* ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All* ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All* ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Covenant Anglican Church, San Marcos, Texas. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

*Psalmist* Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (*Luke 9:23-24*)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All*                    ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Celebrant*            Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. ***Amen.***

*All*                    ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

## **The Peace**

### **Offertory Song “King Of Love”**

*Adam Palmer, Jonathan Smith, Matthew Hein, Stephanie Kulla, Stuart Garrard*

The King of Love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

*Chorus:* Never failing Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulders gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me



In death's dark veil I fear no ill  
With Thee dear Lord beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me (to chorus)

*Bridge:* Oh hallelujah hallelujah (x2)

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise  
Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

*All sing      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.  
Amen.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People*      ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People*      ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People*      ***He is.***

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People*      ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People*      ***We are redeemed.***

*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.***

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, the wandering nomad, You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as a prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

***“Sanctus”***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People*                ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People*                ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant*            This is the feast of victory!

*People*                ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant*    *As our Savior taught us, we are bold to 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, forever and ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant*            We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People*                ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

*Celebrant*            The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People*                ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

*Celebrant*            Draw near with faith and receive.

*People*                ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

*Celebrant*            Christ is alive for ever.

*People*                ***We are because He is.***

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Mystery”**                                *Charlie Hall*

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity

Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink

Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

**Communion Songs “Agnus Dei”** *Michael W. Smith*

Alleluia alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns (x2)

*Chorus:* Holy holy are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb amen

**“What He’s Done”** *John Wimber, Craig Alea*

See on the hill of Calvary my Savior bled for me  
My Jesus set me free  
Look at the wounds that give me life  
Grace flowing from His side no greater sacrifice

*Chorus:* What He’s done what He’s done  
All the glory and the honor to the Son  
My sins are forgiven my future is Heaven  
I praise God for what He’s done

Sing for the freedom He has won  
Even death is dead and done His life has overcome  
Speak say the Name above all names  
Over every broken place He is risen from the grave (*to chorus*)

Now on a throne of majesty the Father’s will complete  
He reigns in victory  
Sing hallelujah to the King He is worthy to receive  
All the worship we can bring (*to chorus*)

**“Oh But God”** *Bryan Fowler, Davy Flowers, Matt Armstrong*

I was buried beneath  
My rebellion

Lost without hope  
of redemption

Blind to my need

for a Savior  
oh but God

Crushed by the  
weight of my failure

Living the lie  
I created

Digging my grave  
without knowing

Oh but God  
oh but God

*Chorus:* Rich in mercy  
how You loved me

Too much to let me stay lost

My salvation sent from heaven

Nailing my sin to a cross  
oh but God

You gave me a Truth worth believing  
I traded my chains  
for Your freedom

You were the One  
that I needed  
oh but God

Resurrected my heart from the ruins  
And my rescue came through like the morning

Now this is my sure testimony

Oh but God  
oh but God (*to chorus*)

*Bridge:* All the wreckage  
of my choices

You have turned  
to life from ashes

Lifted from death  
risen with Him  
Now I stand in  
confidence (*x2, chorus*)

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

### The Blessing/ Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

#### Closing Hymn "Praise To The Lord The Almighty"

*Joachim Neander, William S. Bennett*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

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 for aye we adore Him

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.  
*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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