

Holy Eucharist

Proper 21A, Pentecost 17

September 27, 2020

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Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.

on the Rock of Ages found-ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv-er ev-er will their
 Thus de- riv- ing from their ban- ner, light by night, and

sure re- pose? With sal- va- tion's walls sur-
 thirst as- suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up- on the

round- ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv- er nev- er fails from age to age.
 man- na which he gives them when they pray.

Presider Blessed be + the One, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria: Song of Praise

Presider and People say together

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and

take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
²**I will open my mouth in a parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
³That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
⁴**We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
¹³**He split open the sea and let them pass through; ***
he made the waters stand up like walls.
¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
¹⁵**He split the hard rocks in the wilderness ***
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

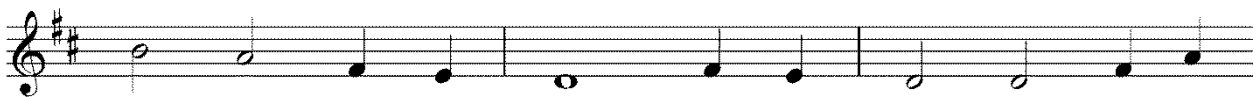
All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn
The flowing water

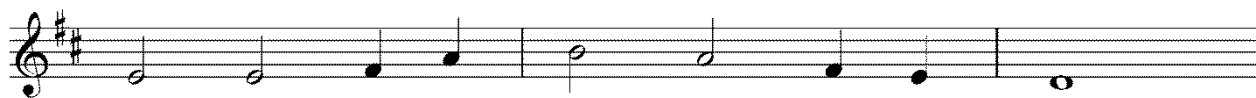
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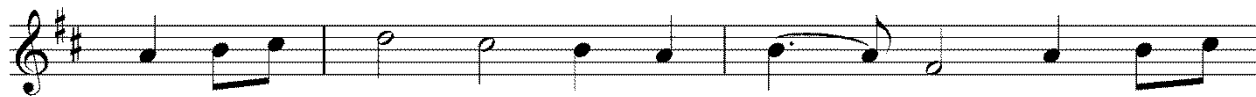
O the stream of liv- ing wa- ter! From the
 Thro' the wild- er- ness, we're go- ing, to the
 Praise our God; I feel it flow- ing, rippl- ing,



strick- en Rock, it flows, free to eve- ry son and
 land of promise fair; where the tree of life is
 sing- ing, in my soul; and my Christian strength is



daugh- ter-- cure for all our sins and woes!
 grow- ing, by the riv- er, flowing there!
 grow- ing! Je- sus Christ has made me whole!



O the wa- ter, flow- ing wa- ter, all the



thirs- ty to re- lieve; free to eve- ry son and



daugh- ter-- come to Je- sus, and re- ceive!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The

first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”



Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Deacon In turning to the ways of God, our lives are saved from the grip of the Evil One, and the humility of love lightens our path. We offer our prayers, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor For the grace to move from grumbling to shared responsibility, from accusation to a search for truth, from humiliation and shame to God’s compassion and mercy; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

That we may bear witness to the wonderful works of God, so that our children and the generations to come may walk in the path of faith, and announce the mystery of faith through their lives; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

That we may bend the knee of our hearts to those who live in despair and great need, knowing that they are Christ to us, a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with compassion, and transforms the way we live; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For those who work at night, staying awake while others sleep, guarding our streets, and healing the sick, that they may labor in safety, and receive the rest that prepares them for another round; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For our President, his advisors, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may be honest, and vigilant in their duties, knowing that their decisions affect all the people of our land, and of the nations of the world; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

For those who have died and now reside on another shore and in a greater light,

[remembering especially _____] that their faith may inspire our own, and their generosity encourage the way in which we use our gifts; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Let us continue our prayers for all who live in the shadows of life, and those who have commended themselves for our remembrance. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Julio, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield, St Cyprian's, Detroit; and St Ann's, Mendoza, in the Dominican Republic. We give you thanks for the blessings we have received from your hands, [especially _____]. We pray for the sick, and for those in any need or trouble: _____.

Silence is kept.

Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies, with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And if we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate us from you. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. 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." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Presider then says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Holy Communion

How the Holy Communion is prepared

The Officiant, Deacon, other Eucharistic Ministers, and any participating Acolytes must wash their hands, or use hand sanitizer, before celebrating and before distribution. Gloves will not be used.

The Officiant alone will bring the bread and wine from the credence table to the Altar at the time of the offertory. All of the elements for Holy Communion will be placed on the Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Officiant alone stands at the altar, with others 6 feet or more away.

The **priest's wafer and chalice** will be uncovered in front of the officiant during the Eucharistic Prayer. They **are for the officiant alone**. They are consumed entirely by the officiant, or appropriately disposed of after the service.

The priest's wafer and the people's wafers will be kept separate at all times. The **people's wafers will be a container** on the Altar, which will remain covered throughout the Eucharistic Prayer. During consecration, the Officiant will touch the container, not the wafers.

The **distribution** of consecrated wine is not permitted at this time (as of June 19, 2020 Diocese of Michigan directive).

How the Holy Communion will be distributed

Everyone distributing communion will use hand sanitizer before they begin distribution. Gloves will not be used.

Communicants will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before receiving. Hand sanitizer will be available in each pew

The bread will be distributed at the communion rail, while maintaining six feet of distance between households. The people will be directed forward to receive.

Masks must continue to be worn during the distribution of communion. Communicants should only lift their mask and consume the bread when they are back in their pews, or at least six feet **away from** the distribution point.

The Minister will place the bread in the hand. The distribution will happen without directly touching the hand of the person receiving. Hand-to-mouth distribution is not permitted. If hand-to-hand contact happens, the minister will re-sanitize.

If a blessing is preferred, the blessing will be given without touch.

When the Instructions have been reviewed, the Priest then says

The people stand as a minister brings forward the alms basin.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim this hymn to the glory of your Name:

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 people continue to stand, or kneel as they are able.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also + that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The Presider says

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

The Deacon then says

The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus.

It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world,
with whom Jesus identified.

The Presider continues

So come to this table you who have much faith
or you who would like more; you who have been here often
and you who have not been here in a long time.

Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

**Amen. As the elements we now eat are transformed,
may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone,
flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 554

'Tis the gift to be simple

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road.

And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love possess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

Deacon My brothers and my sisters, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

To make an offering to St Barnabas, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS TO FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action is providing leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas.

Needed right now: cleaning products and personal products are always needed, as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. **You may bring your donations to FIA**, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. If you bring food directly to FIA, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. ***Food will also be collected at the church on October 18, the next BC meeting date. The building will be open for you to leave your donations on the table.***

Donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at www.faithinaction1.org, by [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/faithinaction1), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118*. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey

The Way of Love material can be found here:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

Join St Barnabas' twice-weekly Zoom check-in! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Contact Marion if you need **the NEW LINK**.

Watch Washington National Cathedral's live-streamed Eucharist and Daily Office services, <https://cathedral.org/calendar/>

Join in a short, weekly, meditation with Presiding Bishop Curry here:

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Watch Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons, <https://www.edomi.org/whatsheaid/sermons/>

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Sep. 27 Vincent de Paul, Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660; and, Thomas Traherne, Priest, 1674
- 28 Richard Rolle, 1349, Walter Hilton, 1396, and Margery Kempe, c. 1440, Mystics; and, Paula and Eustochium of Rome, Monastics and Scholars
- 29 St Michael and All Angels
- 30 Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420
- Oct. 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530; and, Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1898
- 3 John Raleigh Mott, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955

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A Prayer for St Michael and All Angels' Day

Rune of the Archangels

Before all beginnings
I invoke the name of the Trinity
With that of the Bearer of God,
and ask blessing in every beginning:
Adonai of starry hosts!

And on the first day, which is the eighth,
that of resurrection and new birth,
I invoke Uriel, guardian of the sun,
to be my true heart's law of love.

Through the journey of Mondays,
Raphael, guide me and be my guard.
Save, heal, and incite me, and be my rune
in the sight of the invisible hosts of heaven.

Raguel, like Moses and Peter,
command the lesser Tuesdays of my life.
Rank in rank let them pass before you,
Like John the Baptist going before the King of
Kings.

Michael, priestly commander, hail!
Keep me at my Wednesday station,
watching for the lightning of the day of doom,
bathing my intellect in truth.

Zadkiel, like Elijah and Paul,
prosper my Thursdays with steadfastness.
Like Enoch, the angel Metatron,
make me wise in glorification.

Gabriel, rejoice me at my Friday station,
the day of Adam and Eve's creation and
redemption,
both in my fasting and in my feasting on
Leviathan.
Remember me. Lord, when you come into your
kingdom.

Spirit of piety and dove's prosperity,
Ániel of an earth at peace, give good Saturdays.
With the Theotokos, with Stephen,
may the Father return
with his Son and the Holy Spirit.

At the rising of the ages, there
Do I invoke the name of the Trinity
with that of Mary and the saints,
and ask blessing in beginnings und ending:

O fiery wisdom!

Ralph Slotten
in *The living church*, Sept.28, 1980, p.1

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Concluding prayer at the Intercessions adapted from *The Armed Forces Prayer Book*, 1951.

Invitation to the Table adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001)

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BULLETIN
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September 27, 2020 – Pentecost 17(A)
The Episcopal Church Annual Appeal

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

At baptism, we promise to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Today, Episcopalians are turning out in cities and towns across the United States to make that promise real by demanding an end to systemic racism. With a gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal, you can support their ministry and The Episcopal Church’s witness for justice at this pivotal time.

In the last two months, The Episcopal Church has rushed funds to our dioceses in Minnesota, Kentucky, and Georgia where laypeople and clergy are partnering with local organizers and activists to end the racist brutality that led to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. The struggle against racism is long and hard, and it is taking place not only in those communities, but also in congregations and dioceses across our church. And as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, “We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.”

If your income is uninterrupted during the coronavirus pandemic, we invite you to join us in supporting Episcopalians working against racism with a gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal.

You can make a gift three ways: you can return the enclosed envelope with your check or credit card information; you can make your gift online at www.episcopalchurch.org/give; or you can call 212-716-6002 and make your gift over the phone. Thank you. With your support, our church can draw closer to becoming the Beloved Community that God calls us to be.

In Christ,

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
President, House of Deputies
The Episcopal Church

Mr. Byron Rushing
Vice President, House of Deputies
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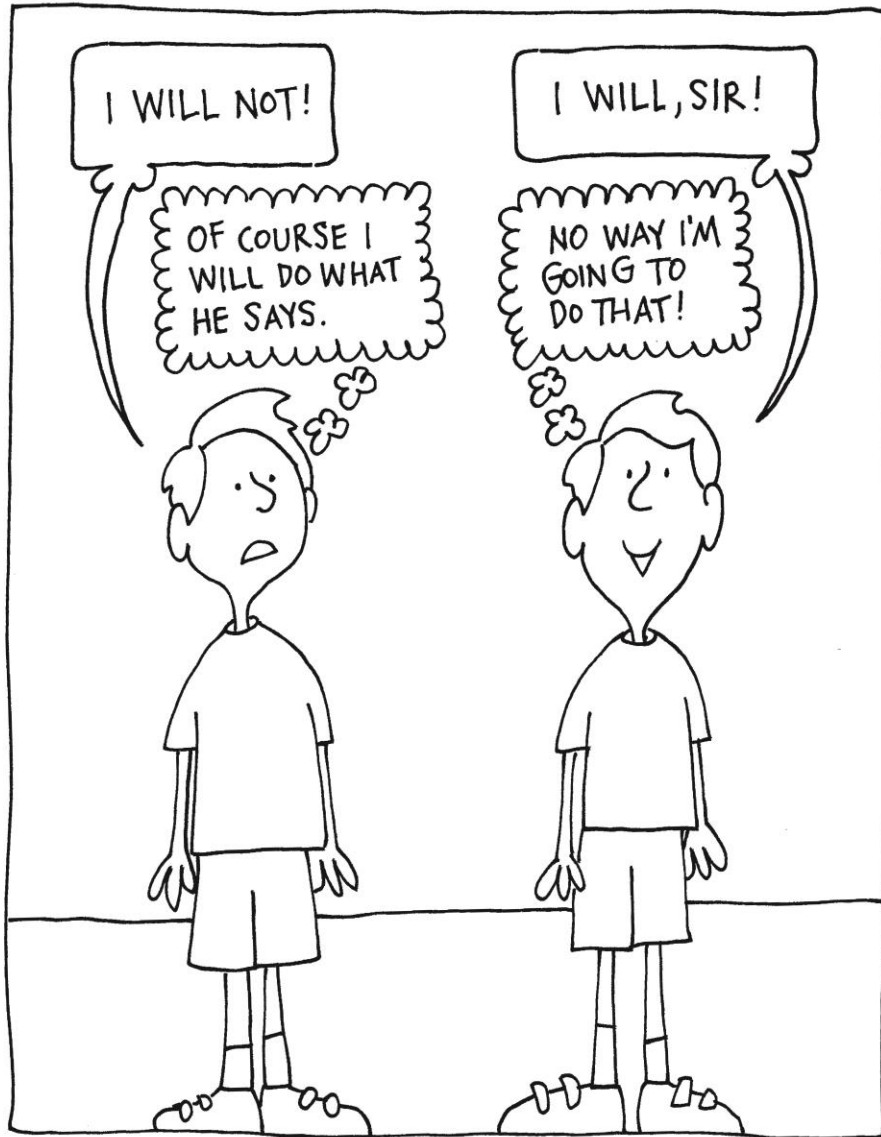


Freely you have received; freely give.

MATTHEW 10:8

Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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