

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Hymnal #324

**1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows clear away.**

**3. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Officiant Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that God may come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen.
(Hosea 10:12)

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

A brief silence for reflection follows.

Officiant God the Creator and Source, Ruler of creation,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Officiant God the Incarnate Word, through whom all things were made,
People **have mercy upon us.**
Officiant God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
People **have mercy upon us.**
Officiant Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Priest

God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise - September

Hymnal #405, verses 3 & 4

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

3. **The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, every one.**
4. **God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 5:7-9, 13 -16

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the coming of the Lord. Consider the farmer who waits patiently for the coming of rain in the fall and spring, looking forward to the precious fruit of the earth. You also must wait patiently, strengthening your resolve, because the coming of the Lord is near. Don't complain about each other, brothers and sisters, so that you won't be judged. Look! The judge is standing at the door!

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Poem of Faith: Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,*

and they meditate on that law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;*

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;*

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,*

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray, using the prayer Jesus taught us. You may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.
The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.
The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Priest Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Celebrant Let us speak Christ's peace to one another. ...

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant Holy God, your mercy is over all your works,
and in the web of life each creature has its role and place.
We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, tide and topsoil.
Give us humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,
And share the bounty of creation with all our neighbors.
And may the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always.
Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song

The Sending Song is to be determined but we may use this one:

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**