

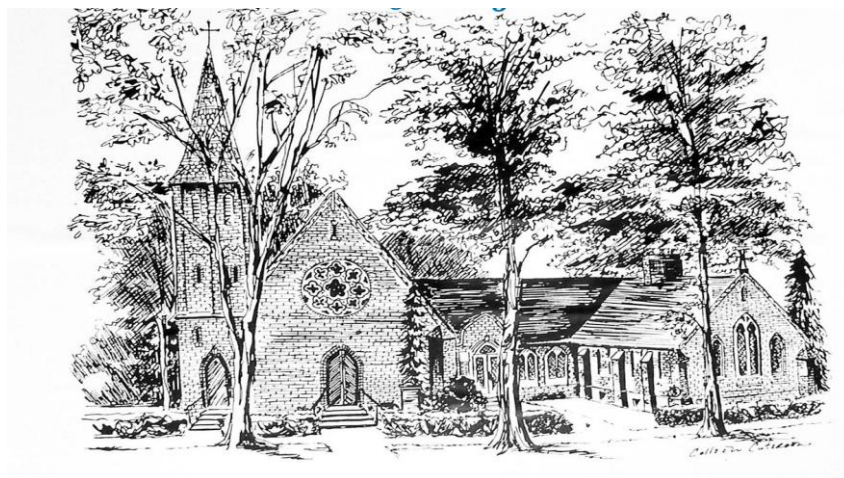
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Deacon's Mass

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday September 19, 2021

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM
Office Hours: 8:10am until 2:30pm Mon., Wed. & Thu.

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

DEACON'S MASS

Announcements

The Prelude

The Gathering Hymn

Air

Holy God, we praise thy name

by Jean-Baptist de Bousset

Hymn 366 v 1-4

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give 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.

The Collect of the Day

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.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response: Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

***People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

Hymn 482 v 1-2

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Mark 9:30-37

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Intercessor Let us pray to God our helper, the source of all wisdom, mercy and peace, saying:
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, Liz, our Deacon and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that we may imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may recognize our common humanity, and accompany one another along the journey of life. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For healing among the daughters and sons of Abraham, that God will bring reconciliation and greater cooperation among the followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those affected by storms, floods, and fires, for refugees and those fleeing violence, that they may find safety, new communities of welcome, and the resources needed for life. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially,, that they may find healing and strength in the Good News of the dying and rising of Jesus. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially,, that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Mary, the God-bearer, Matthew the Apostle, and Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our lives a harvest of humility, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACREMENT

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymn 448 v 1-3, 6
The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymn 380, v3
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.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Communion

*Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.
Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.*

The Hymn during Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Blessing

The Parting Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymn 660 v 1-4

The Postlude

Praise to the Lord, Almighty

arr. Terry Kirkland

Altar Flowers this week are from James P. Bailey In Memory of Elizabeth (Betsy) Bailey.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski, Deacon

Organist: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: Vickie Calby