

Liturgy

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 20A)

GATHERING

I Call You Faithful

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Lord, You are Faithful to me.
I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be.
(Repeat)

I call You Holy; Your name is Holy;
Lord, You are Holy to me. . . .

I call You Awesome; Your name is Awesome;
Lord, You are Awesome to me. . . .

I call You Healer; Your name is Healer;
Lord, You are Healer to me. . . .

I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh;
You are Provider to me.
I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh,
Provider You are, and Provider You'll be.

I call You all that; Your name is All That;
Lord, You are All That to me. . . .
I call You all that; Your name is All That;
All That You are, and All That You'll be.
All That You are, and All That You'll be.

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We are gathered to worship the Lord,
to exalt His name, and to proclaim His story!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
We exalt You, our God and King!
Every day I will bless You;
I will praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.
All Your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!
The LORD is good to all,
and His mercies are over all His works.
On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works,
I will meditate.

One generation shall praise Your works to another;
they shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power –
To make known to the children of men Your mighty acts
and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

*LECTIONARY for the seventeenth
Sunday after Pentecost, Year A:*

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalms 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

*On this seventeenth Sunday of the
longest season of the liturgical year,
the season after Pentecost, we continue
our extended time of focus and reflection
on the ways in which our loving God,
through the guidance and power of His
Holy Spirit, leads us in all aspects of
our lives to follow Him and walk in His
ways.*

*In Year A, the main Old Testament
readings trace the history of the Patriarchs,
the Exodus and the forty-year wilderness
journey, and the arrival of the Israelites in
the Promised Land. The gospel passages,
taken from Matthew's writings, direct our
attention to Christ's earthly ministry as He
taught, healed and met the needs of the
people. In these autumn weeks, the gospel
readings largely focus on Jesus' teachings
in parables of the kingdom in the final
period of His earthly ministry. The epistle
passages invite us to consider our identity
and our living together as Christ's Body
here on earth. The second ("alternate") Old
Testament readings are chosen to complement
the gospel texts, while the Psalm passages
show us how these narratives and highlights
of God's sovereign and gracious character
were commemorated and incorporated into
His people's ancient worship of Him—and
remind us of His eternal goodness and
faithfulness, from ages past to ages future.*

*The focus of this sample liturgy continues
in the Exodus history as we see God's
continued provision, leading and mercy to
His people. This week: the Bread of Heaven.*

Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

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Edward Osler (vs. 3), 1836. Hymn tune: HOLY MANNA
(William Moore, *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825)

INVOCATION

Prayers of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving for God's presence

I Will Exalt You

I will exalt You, I will exalt You,
I will exalt You; You are my God.
Because You're with me, because You're with me,
Because You're with me, I will not fear.

My hiding place, my safe refuge,
My treasure, Lord, You are.
My friend and King, Anointed One, most holy.

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Music for this setting of Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns, Adore Him is available in the music catalog as a lead sheet. The tune is the familiar HOLY MANNA, perhaps better known with the lyrics "Brethren, we have met to worship ..." This setting is a joyous expression of praise and underscores our Gathering psalm's declaration, "One generation shall praise Your works to another . . . to make known to the children of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom."

Here's a link:

<https://clearestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/praise-lord-ye-heavns-adore-him>

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD, who made heaven and earth,
who remains faithful forever.

Great is our God, and abundant in power.

His understanding has no limit.

The LORD builds up His people:

He gathers in the outcasts and wanderers;

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds;

He feeds the hungry and frees the prisoners.

He lifts up the humble and the afflicted.

All creation declares the goodness of our God:

He covers the heavens with clouds, and supplies the earth with rain;

He provides for His creatures, great and small.

Leader: The LORD brought out His people, Israel, with silver and gold,
and there was none among His tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed,

for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering,

and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and He brought quail,

and gave them bread from heaven in abundance. . . .

For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

Great is our God, and abundant in power.

His understanding has no limit!

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

in those who wait and hope in His lovingkindness.

— from Psalms 146:5-6, 147:1-11, 105:37-43

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, our God, there is no God like You in heaven or on earth,
keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants
who walk before You with all their heart.

— 2 Chronicles 6:14

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God,

**We confess to You and to one another
that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed.**

We have offended Your holiness.

We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**We have followed the devices of our own hearts,
and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**In Your grace, raise us from sin
that we may be Your holy people,
walking faithfully in Your ways
and delighting in Your will,
to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

This Profession of Faith is based on the litany of remembrance recorded in Psalm 105:37-43, with other psalm texts woven in reflecting the breadth of God's power and His faithful, steadfast covenant love for His people. The lines in regular and italicized fonts may be designated so that parts of the congregation are speaking to each other. Typical designations are for opposite sides of the room, or men and women; two specified readers may also be designated.

This traditional prayer of confession comes from the Book of Common Prayer, Penitential Order 1. A useful and user-friendly resource is The (Online) Book of Common Prayer [www.bcponline.org]

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness

Breathing the Breath

We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands.
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide.
Every good perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart;
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

Chorus

Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe
To worship You, to worship You.
And we're singing these songs with the very same breath
To worship You, to worship You.

Who has given to You that it should be paid back to him?
Who has given to You as if You needed anything?
From You and to You and through You come all things, O Lord;
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

Bridge:

We are breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe (repeat)

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THE WORD

Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Jonah 3:10—4:11	Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
John 6	

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

This setting of Agnus Dei is available in the sheet music catalog as a lead sheet and scored for voice and piano. It is also included in the collection, Singing the Liturgy, Volume 1. You may hear Agnus Dei in the Audio Media Studio.

Here's a link:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/agnus-dei>

Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,
Your name is holy, our Father.
Your kingdom come,
And Your will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,
Forgiving of what others owe.
Keep us from trials;
Save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom,
We sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours –
Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,
Drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness,
Live in His healing embrace.

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Music for this setting of the Lord's Prayer, Our Father in Heaven, is available in the sheet music catalog as a lead sheet, and as a solo/melody line with piano accompaniment on request.

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/our-father-heaven>

SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Praise the Lord! Ye Heave'ns, Adore Him (reprise verse 3)

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

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Benediction

People of God, we have worshiped the Lord together in this place –

We've gathered. We've heard the word.

We've come to the Table, the Feast of the Lord.

And now, as we go forth, in faith and joy,
to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever.

Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The soul is humbled when it doesn't follow wickedness, but feeds on righteousness. For righteousness and wickedness are the soul's food. According to what it wants, the soul can prefer and eat either of these meats. If it is bent toward righteousness, it will be nourished by righteousness, morality, self-control, meekness, and courage. This was the case with our Lord. He said, ‘My meat is to do the will of My Father which is in heaven.’ But if the soul isn't like Him and prefers wickedness, it is nourished only by sin. . . . For the devil is food for sinners. In the same way, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the heavenly bread, is food for saints. For He said, ‘Except ye eat My flesh, and drink My blood.’ The devil is food for the impure and for those who do the deeds of darkness and not of light. Therefore, in order to turn them from wickedness, Christ commands these people to be nourished by the food of righteousness. This food is humility of mind, meekness that endures humiliations, and acknowledgment of God.” – Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16;
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9;
Philippians 2:1-9; Matthew 21:23-32

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