

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

05 October 2025 10:00 am

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Hymn # 11*

*Awake, my soul*

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People *One God and Father of all.*

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Bishop Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### The Old Testament: Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city  
    that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
    she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
    has become a vassal.  
She weeps bitterly in the night,  
    with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
    she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
    they have become her enemies.  
Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
    and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
    and finds no resting place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
    in the midst of her distress.  
The roads to Zion mourn,  
    for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
    her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
    and her lot is bitter.  
Her foes have become the masters,  
    her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
    for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
    captives before the foe.  
From daughter Zion has departed  
    all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
    that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
    before the pursuer.

## **Lamentations 3:19-26**

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

## **The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake  
of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus  
our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience,  
as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my  
prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so  
that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith,  
a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother  
Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind  
you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the  
laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of  
cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-  
discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of  
me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel,

relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn # 389**

**Let us with a gladsome mind**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**Hymn # 509**

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak**

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters*

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate*      I do.

*Bishop*      Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates*      I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People*      **We will.**

*The Bishop then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop*      Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*      I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop  
People*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop  
People*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body.  
and life everlasting.

*Bishop  
People*

Will you continue in the apostle' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in  
the prayers?  
I will with God's help.

*Bishop  
People*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
I will, with God's help.

*Bishop  
People*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?  
I will, with God's help.

*Bishop  
People*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?  
I will, with God's help.

*Bishop  
People*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all  
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their Commitment to Christ.

Leader    Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader    Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
People    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have

bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **For Reception**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

N, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer.*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants. let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Peace is then exchanged.*

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

Exchange of the Peace

*Offertory Anthem*

*Organist and Choir*

*Doxology*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving

EP B

BCP 367

*Sanctus S 128*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

## **Fraction Anthem S 154**

Communion of the People

**Communion Hymn # 607**

***O God of every nation***

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Bishop      Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People      *The maker of heaven and earth.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*From this time forth for evermore.*

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

**Levas # 189**

***Great is thy faithfulness***

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hast provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

## The Dismissal

Please join us in the parish hall after the service as we welcome Bishop Solak and our two new members of the Episcopal Church: Donna Murphy-Carosi and Valarie Schultz.

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns for *The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing 1993*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **Discernment Prayer (NEW):**

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Prayers for a New Priest**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## **Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Donald Batrus, Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Betty Burdge, Jennifer, Keith Hipp.

## **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

## **Readers and Greeters   October-November 2025**

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

### **Sunday Readers**

Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Collelen Curry
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie
Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Bell Loncella & Pam Hysong
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Carosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella

### **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

**Sunday: The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday October 5th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Visit with Bishop Ketlen

Coffee Hour

Thurs. October 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 1:00 PM  
Pet Food Pantry

**Next Sunday: The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday: October 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 5, 2025**

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Nancy Threadgill

**Alter Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God**

In Honor of the Visitation of  
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ketlen Solak  
St. Mark's Parish Family

In Loving Memory of  
Elizabeth & Lillian Greiner  
Perpetual Flowers

**Next Week's Readings**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service.*