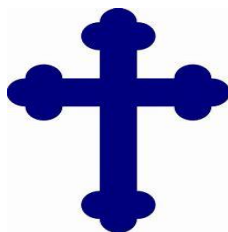


The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

19 September 2021 at 10 a.m.
Officiant: The Rev. Ifeanyi Obiechefu
Lay Reader: Deborah Holcombe



Hymn 437 "Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

The Congregation says the text in bold print.

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

Glory to God S 278 *Gloria in excelsis* William Mathias
(1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.**

A Reading from 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.

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

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

- 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.

A Reading from 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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Ifeanyi Obiechefu

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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, died, and was 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Form III The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us thank God for the blessings in our lives.

We give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines; for those who celebrate birthdays this week including Anthony Johnson; for all who listen to our weekly audio and on-line offerings; for this neighborhood of Getty Square, The Sharing Community and Westhab, The Salvation Army, the YWCA and the YMCA, the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments, all teachers, students and elected officials including our Mayor; for Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, for all hospitals, nursing homes and group homes and for all who work to help others.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for our Bishops, inspired ministry in this Episcopal Diocese of NY, and for Anthony Johnson, a Postulant for ordination as a deacon.

We pray for all who are affected by the pandemic, for all who have lost their jobs and all who are struggling to pay rent and other expenses, and for those in danger by virtue of their labor.

We pray for all in need of God's healing grace and today especially for Marge Weaver, Joy Sullivan, Deborah Holcombe, Duccio Bandini, Susan Innabi, Ginger Connolly, Steve Oscatzy, Kelly Chadwick, Deane Prouty, Marilyn Berkower, Agnes Schumacher, Trudy Vilches, Bruno Ukaj, Ival DeBride, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Wayne Kniffen, Joan Simpson Marszat, Henry McNamee, Susan Spielmann, Kayla Detz, Catherine Corry, Judith Shorrocks, Philip Godlewski, Judy Hinsch, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Connie Tracey, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, John Gore, Anna Walters, Thomas Neale, John Farrell, Barbara & Chris Michel-Karsten, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Melvyn Davis and Floyd Davis.

We pray for those affected by recent hurricanes, those impacted by the wildfires in Canada, Europe, Northern Africa and the United States; the people of Haiti, for the Scavenging Workers' Children in India; for those, for those impacted by the famine in Ethiopia; for the humanitarian crises affecting African, Rohingya (pronounced Ro-hinge-ja), Syrian, Venezuelan and Yemeni people; for all those in danger due to armed conflict and political turmoil, including the people of Afghanistan, the Congo, Ethiopia, and Nigeria; for all refugees and those seeking asylum; for an end to the gun violence plaguing our nation; for an end to hate crimes involving Jewish Synagogues; for all who have been treated less than justly—including Asian Americans and members of the Sikh Community; and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died,; the lives lost due to Hurricane Ida; for those who have been murdered in recent gun violence across our country; for those who have died from illness, natural disasters, and warfare; and, for the more than 674,000 Americans and the over 4.6 million people around the world who have died from Corona Virus. We also lament those who have died over the centuries including indigenous people, and all who have died due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Brief Announcements and Closing Prayers**The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 477 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

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