and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord. Reader: Thanks be to God

Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Praise the LORD!

Hallelujah!

Let us Pray.

Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Gospel Reading: Mathew 21:23-32

The Lord be with you.

Reader: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

Reader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of Christ

Reader: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Rev Doug Willoughby

**Hymn** "At the Name of Jesus"

Intercessions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for changed lives and new hope. For your love and mercy, we give you thanks: we pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. We pray for the world that you have made and love – especially for the Province as the reopening continues; remembering the children, the teachers, the principals, and staff of the schools that will be resuming in September.

We pray for the Anglican Church as it witnesses in the world: Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, whose peace passes all understanding, help us to bring peace in our world. We remember...

Jesus, Lord of Life,

Reader: in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry... and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the Way...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy hear us.

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, or in any need or trouble (*Hear add the names of the sick*)

Jesus, good shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the

injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you: and any others known to us. Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

Reader: in your mercy, hear us.

For your love and mercy, we give you thanks:

Reader: we praise your holy name

Accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Reader: 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 neighbour 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Reader: And also with you

## **Offertory Hymn**

"You are All in All"

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

The Lord be with you.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise
Blessed are you,
gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you.

joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Reader: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper. He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood; shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, now and forever. **Amen.** 

And now as our Lord has taught us, we are bold to say: Our Father

### Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Reader: We being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God

Reader: Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

God, grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Administration of Communion

- Communion: you may receive the bread, and it will be a standing station. Following the "Dismissal", you will be directed to exit your pew, your hands will be sanitized, and then one by one you will come forward to stand on "the sign with feet" closest to the priest and extend your arms to receive the bread.
- Once you have received the wafer, please move to the Narthex doors, remove your mask and consume the wafer. Replace your mask and once again sanitize your hands.
- Please socialize outside.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world grant us your peace.

We look forward to seeing you next time.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of.... Norma Anthony, Enid McCulloch Gittens, Walter, Ruth, and Joyce Noble, given by Maureen Noble and family.

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# ST. PAUL'S ON-THE-HILL

# September 27, 2020 Pentecost 17



**Hymn** "Not by Might"

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

### Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

#### **Collect of the Day**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

1<sup>st</sup> reading Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself