



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Exodus 17:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Matthew 21:23-32

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

“Berceuse”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

In Babilone

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
(See sheet music at the end of this bulletin)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Teacher of humility and grace, You emptied Yourself of divinity, and came to live among us as a simple, human being. Forgive us, Holy One, when we take pride in our accomplishments, and look for applause and praise from those around us. You walked among us healing and telling stories, pouring out Your life for the sake of those in need. Forgive us, Gentle Servant, when we guard our time and our money, afraid that someone will take advantage of our good nature. You ask us to do Your work and to be the living body of Christ for the sake of a hurting, broken world. Forgive us, Gracious God, when we focus all our time and effort on what will please ourselves.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

“Confounded by Wisdom and Grace”

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Confession of 1967 – I. The new Life – 9.21)*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *(Refrain)* If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor “He died to save us all.” *(Refrain)*

Nathaniel Sullivan, *baritone*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray...

THE SENDING

HYMN

Lafferty

“Seek Ye First”
(See sheet music at the end of this bulletin)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

“Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

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IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib-er-ty.
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives re-lect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

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LAFFERTY Irregular

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Descant Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

right - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o-pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!