

**17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22**

**October 5, 2014**



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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #495 – Hail thou once despised Jesus

## Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

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

*The Hymnal 1982 #437 - Tell out my soul*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight;  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

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 people sit.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Book of Exodus (20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20).

<sup>1</sup> Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>12</sup> Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. <sup>18</sup> When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Psalm 19**

*BCP p. 606*

*Cæli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*

then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14).

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.  
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of  
the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a  
Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness  
under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have  
come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard  
everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ  
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I  
regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found  
in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the  
law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from  
God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his  
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in  
his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the  
goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made  
me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my  
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining  
forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize  
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

The Hymnal 1982 #546- Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(21:33-46).

Glory to you Lord Christ

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

<sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord  
People  
Praise to you Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The people kneel or stand as they are able*

### **Prayers of the People**

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our  
Bishop(s) \_\_\_\_\_; for this gathering; and for all ministers and  
people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the  
well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,  
and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Collect**

### **Confession of sin**

#### **Penitential Sentence**

*The Presider then says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

BCP 352

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 352

*All say together*

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.

## Absolution

BCP 353

*Bishop or Priest*

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 people stand as they are able.*

## The Peace

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

**People**                *And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*The people sit.*

## **Our work this week**

### **The Offertory**

#### **The offertory**

*The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*The Priest says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1*

*Chronicles 29:11*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as their alms are brought forward.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant**           The Lord be with you.

**People**               *And also with you.*

**Celebrant**           Lift up your hearts.

**People**               *We lift them to the Lord.*

**Celebrant**           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**               *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #129*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people kneel or stand as they are able*

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Celebrant**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we  
are bold to say,

### ***People and Celebrant***

BCP 336

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #156

### **Fraction Anthem**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to our Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion please extend your hands, one over the other, to receive the bread of Christ. To receive a blessing cross your arms over your chest. To receive the cup of Christ, guide the chalice to your lips. If you wish choose not to receive of the cup, please cross arms over your chest. You may choose to remain seated.*

### **Communion Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #324 - Let all mortal flesh keep silent

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

**Celebrant**            Let us pray.

*Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to

love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

*The Bishop or Priest says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #448 - O love how deep how broad how high

**Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

***People***

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## **Prayer List**

Joe, Billy, Mary, Dale, Randy, Joyce, Eaton, April Hise, Blake, Londa, Sara and Rey, Anita, Charlotte, Pat, Lori & Reyan, Bryant family, Charles, Carolyn, Caden, “E” Angie, Marcel, Ginny, Tri and Lucca; Michelle, Russell & Drace; the Nelson family, Barbara Dale and Dale, Frances, Randy, The Burnett and Stallings family, Linda, Debbie W, Matthew, Kathy and her family, Robin Moore and family, the Wilder family, the Keller family those suffering from seasonal storms, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name...

## **Calendar**

October 5 -17 Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22  
9:00 am Eucharist  
10:00 am Fellowship

October 7 6:30 pm Al Anon

October 10 6:30 pm Friday Families

October 12 - 18 Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23  
9:00 am Eucharist  
10:00 am Fellowship

## **Announcements**

Saturday October 18 Chili Cook Off

## **'The Journey' Weekend Retreat**

Oct. 17–19, at Camp Mitchell

This new retreat is an adaptation of the Cursillo weekend—but it is not a Cursillo. The Journey takes the best of the Cursillo method and adapts the weekend to a shorter, more compact retreat experience. Gone is all the Cursillo lingo. The talks are shorter and more focused. The retreat will start on Friday evening and end Sunday afternoon and is open to members of all denominations. Download the brochure for more information. Space is limited, so download the application and register now.

## **Learn About Dick Johnston Camp**

Saturday, Nov. 1, at Camp Mitchell

Dick Johnston Camp is a summer camp session held at Camp Mitchell annually for children with one or both parents in prison. The planning committee is actively preparing for next year's camp, and wants to involve more parishes and volunteers in the areas of camper recruitment, scholarships, fundraising and camp leadership. There will be an informational session and lunch Nov. 1 at Camp Mitchell, followed by a planning session for those who wish to stay. Download a registration form. For more information, or if you cannot attend but would like to volunteer, please email Kristi Palmer or call 501-940-1591.

## **Benedictine Advent Retreat**

December 4-7, at Camp Mitchell

A time for centering, quiet, reflection, and rest during the mad rush of the holidays. Led by the Revs. Lisa Hlass, Virginia Chase, and Helen Hargreaves, the retreat will begin Thursday evening, with an optional quiet day Thursday. It will follow a Benedictine rhythm with the Daily Office, community sessions for study and reflection, silence, and optional time to devote to creative endeavors, spiritual disciplines, and rest. The retreat will conclude with Holy Eucharist Sunday morning. For more information, email the Rev. Lisa or call 501-224-1442.

## **CELEBRATING MAYA ANGELOU**



A free public event to honor Maya Angelou, in Stamps, Arkansas - the childhood home of one of Arkansas' and America's most renowned artists. Mayor David Bright and Janis F. Kearney, co-chairs, invite you to attend this special day:

- Special guest: Elliot Jones, Dr. Angelou's grandson
- Remembrances of Maya
- UAPB Vesper Choir
- SW AR Arts Council & Hope PS Drum Ballet
- Announcement of poetry contest winners
- Reception at conclusion
- Visit "The Pond" recently named in her honor

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## Worship Leaders

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proper</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Notes</b>
10/5	17 Pen, proper 22	Liz		Beth	
10/12	18 Pen, Proper 23	Beth		Connie	
10/19	19 Pen, Proper 24	Kathryn	Connie	Corbet	MP

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