

# 14 after Pentecost, Proper 17

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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Gathering Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #556 - Rejoice, ye pure in heart

## Opening Acclamation

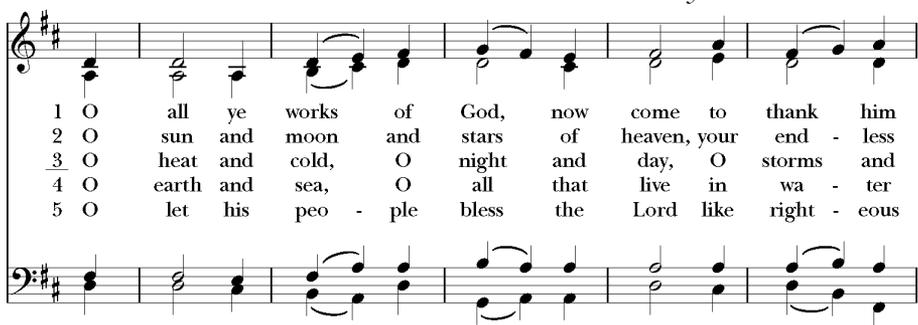
**Celebrant** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

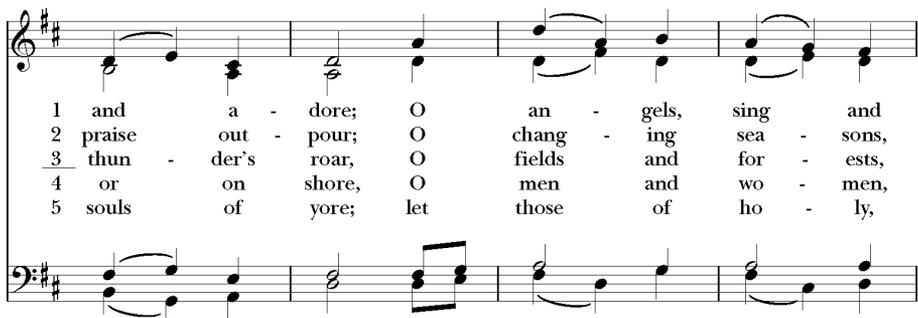
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Song of Praise

*The Hymnal 1982 #428*



1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him  
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less  
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and  
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter  
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous



1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and  
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,  
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,  
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,  
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless  
 the God we bow before,  
 the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,  
 and praise him evermore.

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** God be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*The people sit.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:  
 Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;  
 nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good  
 works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
 and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

*The people sit.*

### First Reading

A reading from The Song of Solomon (*of Solomon 2:8-13*).

<sup>8</sup> The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
 leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved speaks and says to me:  
“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup> for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 45:1-2,7-10**

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*Eructavit cor meum*

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
 grace flows from your lips,  
 because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
 a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
 you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
 with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
 and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
 on your right hand is the queen,  
 adorned with the gold of Ophir.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The Letter of James (1:17-27).

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the

perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #641 - Lord Jesus think on me

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7:1-8,14-15,21-23).

Glory to you, Lord Christ

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human

tradition.” <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen

to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what

defile.” <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil

intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice,

wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All

these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 stand, or kneel as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Leader**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all  
bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your  
eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

## **Leader and People**

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Absolution**

*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**

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*The Priest says*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and

power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **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.

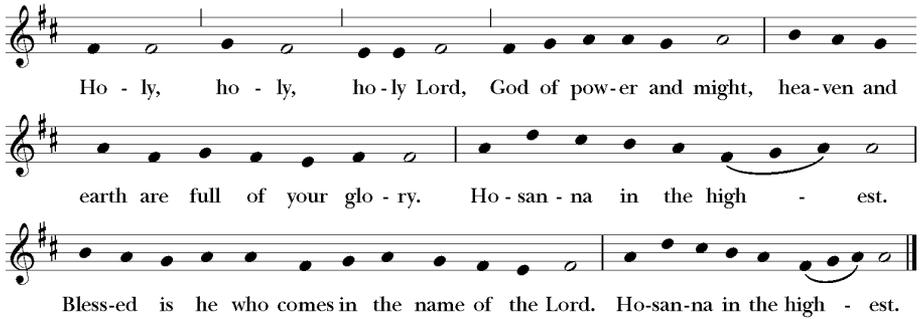
**People**                *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*



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 stand, or kneel as they are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering

Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

*The People respond Amen.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and  
Celebrant***

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; the celebrant and people sing*

Wonder Love and Praise #878

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*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 receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm, which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose not to receive you may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated.*

## Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #328 - Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance,  
 you have fed us  
 with the bread of life  
 and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*The Bishop or Priest says*  
God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. *Amen.*

### **Going Forth**

The Hymnal 1982 #344 - Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

### **Dismissal**

**Deacon**                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**                    *Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayers**

Charles, Carolyn, Charlotte, Caden, Tony, the Meadows family, Barbara-Dale, Dale, Angie, Marcel, Nicholas E, Pat P, Beth - Amy & Ian, Chuck and, the Lutes family, Byron, Rock, Ginny, Carson, Liz and family, Dave R, Janet, Willow, Dave, Colin, Don, Emanuel AME Church, Kathryn, Davin, Memphis Police Dept., St. Ambrose, those suffering from seasonal storms, meals on wheels, making better, men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, and those we now name ...

## **Calendar**

8/30 14th after Pentecost, Proper 16  
9:00 Eucharist  
10:00 Fellowship

9/1 6:00 pm Al Anon

9/3 6:00 pm Friday Families

9/6 15th after Pentecost, Proper 18  
9:00 Eucharist  
10:00 Fellowship

## **Announcements**

## Worship Leaders

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Proper</b>        | <b>Service</b> | <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | <b>Reader</b> | <b>Intercessor</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 8/30        | Pent 14<br>Proper 17 | Eucharist      | Liz                         | Mike          | Corbet             |
| 9/6         | Pent 15<br>Proper 18 | Eucharist      | Beth                        | Kathryn       | Mike               |
| 9/13        | Pent 16<br>Proper 19 | Eucharist      | Kathryn                     | Mike          | Beth               |



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