

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Theme: Joseph finally came face to face with the brothers that had done him wrong many decades ago. Here he would face a great challenge—would he avenge himself or would he offer forgiveness and seek reconciliation?

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to God,

Who knows our every weakness.

Praise to God,

Full of love and forgiveness.

What humans mean for harm,

God can transform into good.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING SONG

Lead Me, Guide Me

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CHORUS: Lead me, guide me along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Compassionate God, you have the power to turn our most foolish acts into something of benefit. Use our lives for your highest good, in spite of our own intentions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING:

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

~~TEMPLE TALK~~

GOSPEL:

Luke 6:27-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

As Saints of Old

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As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;

so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers and invigorate us to live out your will on earth, for which we pray through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen

SENDING HYMN

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

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Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE