



# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 19)

September 15, 2024

## TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

*Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ*

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### SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

**RINGING OF BELL**

*Angelus*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Hymn 675

*Officiant:* Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**ALL:**

***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***

*Officiant:*

✠ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**Together:** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

**VENITE** (*Psalm 95:1-7, 96:9, 13*)

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**

*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hands are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*All may be seated*

**THE PSALM: Psalm 116:1-8**      *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
***because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.***

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
***I came to grief and sorrow.***

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
***"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."***

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
***our God is full of compassion.***

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
***I was brought very low, and he helped me.***

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
**for the LORD has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
**in the land of the living.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*All stand as are able for the canticle*

## **THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH** *Benedictus Dominus Deus (Luke 1:68-79)*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;**

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

**that he would save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,**

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,**

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God**

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,**

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

## **SECOND LESSON**

James 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of St. James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless

the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*All stand*

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Day by day dear Lord*

Hymn 654

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

**Officiant:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**People:** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Officiant:** ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## HOMILY

Dr. Sharon Pierson

*All stand as are able*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.***

## THE PRAYERS

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

***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.***

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Let us now offer our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for our neighbors and for ourselves up unto God.

*A time of silence is kept. Prayer intentions may be said aloud if desired.*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN**

*The Church's one foundation*

Hymn 525

**POSTLUDE**

*Nocturne*

Frédéric Chopin, 1830

## **Announcements**

### **Coming Up:**

**September 21—Allendale Festival Day**

**October 6—Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of Animals**

**October 19—Oktoberfest 2024**

### **Compassionate Outreach**

**CFA – September's theme is "School Lunches"** Items such as juice boxes, pudding, canned fruit, peanut butter crackers. All items graciously accepted.

**St. Paul's Men's Shelter**- We now have all of our dinners covered for 2024. Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered this year.

**Allendale Mural Project** - There is a basket in the Narthex for donations to the Allendale Mural Project, a mural which will be featured on one of the walls on a building downtown. Tiles will be integrated into the mural, and we will have Trinity church's name on one of the tiles. It's a community project, and we are part of Allendale. This is a great way to show Trinity's support. Contact Priscilla with any questions.

### **Joyful Fellowship**

**Coffee Hour** –The sign-up sheet for September & October is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! We have returned to serving coffee and goodies in the Parish Hall! Anyone needing guidance for a refresher or their first time, let me know--Janet Zacco

### **Community Thrift Shop**

We have several Trinity Volunteers scheduled to do our required volunteering on Sept. 24th & 26th! We will be tagging and hanging clothes for the Fall and Winter donations that will be coming in. Thank you to all who signed up.

The Shop continues to be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. They will be accepting merchandise only on Mondays from 9:00am to 12 noon. Donations should be in a maximum of two white kitchen bags or two boxes, marked with Trinity's account #66. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco