



**September 27, 2020 at 10 a.m.**  
Morning Prayer for the  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome to Christ Church!**

*Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook Live](#).*

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

## Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements [can be found here](#).

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## Prelude

### Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

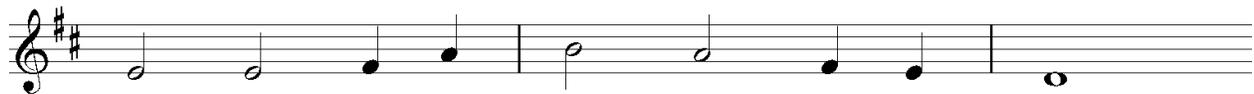
Tune: Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Opening Sentence

*Enriching Our Worship*, p. 19

**Officiant** God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

## Confession of Sin

*Enriching Our Worship*, pp. 19-20

**Officiant** Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**All** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant** O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

*Enriching Our Worship*, p. 21

*The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

**Officiant** Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

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

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; \*

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

**Officiant** Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

## Psalm 78:1.4, 12-16

*Church of England Trial Use Liturgical Psalter*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, \*

**we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*

**who has done wonderful works.**

God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, \*

**in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,**

splitting open the sea and letting them pass through, \*

**making the waters stand up like walls;**

leading them with a cloud by day, \*

**and all the night through with the glow of fire;**

splitting hard rocks in the wilderness, \*

**and giving them drink as from the great deep;**

bringing streams out of the cliff, \*

**and the waters gushing out like rivers.**

**All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

**Lector** If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

**All** Thanks be to God.

**The Response: The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 87*

*Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*

**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*

**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

But over you the Lord will rise, \*

**and his glory will appear upon you.**

Nations will stream to your light, \*

**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

Your gates will always be open; \*

**by day or night they will never be shut.**

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*

**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*

**ruin or destruction within your borders.**

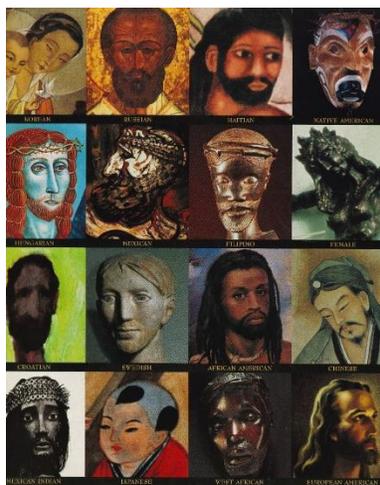
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*

**and all your portals, Praise.**

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*

**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

## The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

**Preacher** When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**Preacher** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** 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, 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**

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Intercessor** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**Intercessor** Let us pray.

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 42*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## The Collects (Prayers)

### Collect of the Day

**Officiant** O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Knowledge of God's Creation

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 827*

**Officiant** Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Mission

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 100*

**Officiant** O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.*

### Offertory Sentence

**Officiant** Ascribe to the Lord the honor that is due; bring offerings and come to into the courts of the Holy One.

*Thank you for continuing your pledges, which sustain our common life. To give online [click here](#).*

### Offertory Anthem

"I Will Bow"

*Frederick Chatfield (b. 1951)*

*Mark Anderson, Lisa Correnti, Grant Furgiuele, and Lea Peterson*

### The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant** 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 God, 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.

**Hymn 477**

All praise to thee for thou, O King divine

Tune: *Engleberg*

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*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

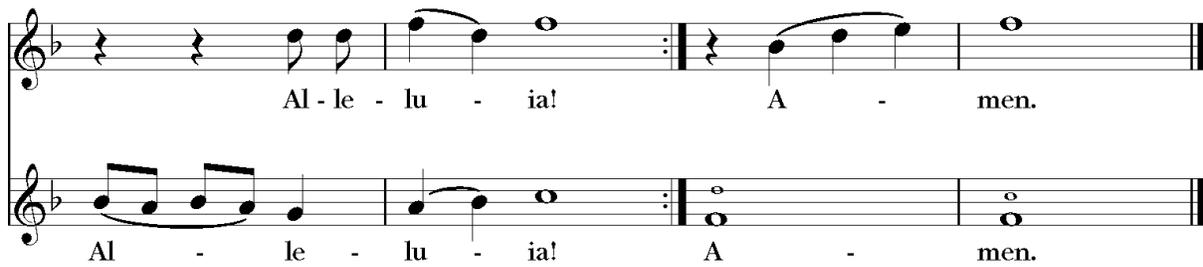
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



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## Concluding Blessing

**Officiant** Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift in love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Postlude

### Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the North Shore Deanery: Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; Christ Church, South Hamilton; Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott; and, Trinity Church, Topsfield.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:

Dr. Robert P. and Jean Masland

William D. Masland

from Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Masland, Jr.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for First Parish Unitarian-Universalist.

Your prayers are requested for Bob K., Sonia, Cheryl, Sommer, Meghan, Leo, Barbara, John, Toph, Bob C. Sr., John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Bob P., Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob M., Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, Marianne and family, and Linda Evans. We ask that you give all cancer fighters comfort in their suffering, shrinking and destroying all cancerous tumors according to your will. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Music Director  
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And others to be named on air!

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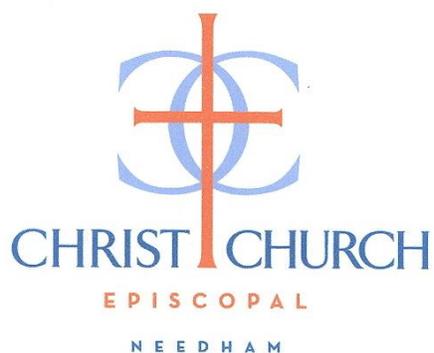


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