

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting and Announcements

Janet Barnes

Prelude

WE WORSHIP GOD

†Call to Worship

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Look at the heavens.

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence
of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

†Opening Hymn #

†Opening Prayer (unison)

**It says in the Bible, O God,
that you created the world
through your Word.**

Your Word is powerful.

And so are our words.

They can heal, create a smile,

be a declaration of love;

but they can also hurt

and destroy a sense of self-worth.

Give us your wisdom, God of the Word,

so that as a church and as individuals,

we use our words to build up

and not to destroy. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Cary Speaker

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You have called us, O God,

and we have refused to listen;

you have stretched out your hand

and we have not taken it.

We have taken what you have given us

and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.

We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.

Forgive our inability to recognize you

and live out the reality of your gospel.

Give us the insight we need

to understand your place in our lives

so that our words and actions reflect

the glory of God in the lives of others.

In the name of the Messiah we pray.

~ silent prayers of confession ~

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Hymn #551

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

†Act of Praise #581

Glory Be to the Father

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

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First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1: 20-33

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn #

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 27-38

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Who is Your Mama?”

Rev. Cary Speaker

†Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day he arose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the

quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

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 People and the Lord's Prayer

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory

Offering

†The Doxology

Hymn #606

†Prayer of Dedication

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

†Closing Hymn #

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please stand in body or spirit.

