

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Introit *Justus es...Ps. 119:137, 124 Ps.119 vs. 1 [2-8]*

TONE VII



**Antiphon:** You are righteous, O LORD, \*  
and upright are your judgments.

Deal with your servant  
according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.

**Psalm:** Blessed are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

[Blessed are they who observe his de-crees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.]

**Gloria Patri.** Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,↓  
and to the Holy Spirit, \*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

**The Kyrie or Kyrie Litany**

**The Gloria**

**The Collect:**

O Lord, grant that your people may avoid the temptations of the devil and with pure minds serve you the only God; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

**The First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 14-20

At that time Ezekiel said... The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. But if this man has a son who sees all the sins that his father has done, considers, and does not do likewise, who does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor's wife, does not wrong anyone, exacts no pledge, commits no robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, withholds his hand from iniquity, takes no advance or accrued interest, observes my ordinances, and follows my statutes; he shall not die for his father's iniquity; he shall surely live. As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, he dies for his iniquity.

Yet you say, "Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?" When the son has done what is lawful and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own.

**The Gradual** *Beata gens... Ps.33:12,6*

TONE 1b



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
blessed the people he has chosen to be his own!

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: I, Paul, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**The Alleluia** *Domine exaudi orationem mean, Ps. 102:1b*

Laudate



Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

LORD, hear my prayer, \*  
and let my cry come before you. **Alleluia**

## The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

At that time... When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## The Nicene Creed

### Offertory *Oravi Deum meum ego Daniel.. Daniel 9:17, 18,19* TONE VII



I, Dan-iel prayed to my God saying: \*  
listen to the prayer of your servant.

Lord, let your face shine upon your desolated sanctu-ary\*  
and look at our desolation  
and the city that bears your name.

O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! \*  
because your city and your people bear your name!"

## **The Prayer over the gifts:**

O Lord, with deep humility we implore of your majesty that the holy mysteries we are celebrating may both free us from past sins and save us from transgressing in the time to come; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

## **The Preface of the Holy Trinity**

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord; not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation concerning your glory, that same we believe of your Son, that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, we shall adore the Persons as distinct, their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise; day by day they cry out unceasingly saying as with one voice:...

## Before the Blessing of Peace

*Priest:* May the Lord incline His ear to the prayers that you make in humility, and give you the grace of His blessing and the reward of eternal salvation.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* Both now and ever, and in every place, may you know the mercy of God, and rejoice to sing His praises.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* And may He set you free from the bondage of sin, and cause you to come to eternal glory.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

*Priest:* The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

## The Communion *Vovete, et reddite...Psalm 76:11-12* TONE VIII



Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; \*  
let all around him bring gifts to him  
who is worthy to be feared.

He breaks the spirit of princes, \*  
and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

## **The Postcommunion Collect:**

O Lord, by the grace of these Holy Mysteries may our passions be subdued and our eternal salvation assured; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*