SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ST. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 10:30A.M.

Welcome to St. Vincent's Cathedral

We are so glad you are here!

CHILDCARE is available in our **NURSERY** for infants and pre-school children. The nursery is located at the North entrance of the building. We love children at St. Vincent's!

We invite you to come as you are into the worship of the Church. You may notice that worship here is very **participatory**—how we worship may seem complex, or even overwhelming.

If you are worried about what to do, just RELAX, and keep these things in mind:

If you are worshipping God, you cannot go wrong.
 If you need help, ask someone near you.

3. Regardless of what anyone else is doing, you do not have to do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.

As we worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness, we try to follow this formula:

Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection; therefore, every Sunday is Holy Eucharist. **All Baptized Christians** who recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. If not baptized, or uncomfortable with Holy Communion, you can still come forward to the Altar Rail and **receive a blessing**: simply cross your arms over your chest and a priest will pray a blessing over you.

During Holy Communion, the ushers will guide you forward to the Altar Rail. You may stand or kneel to receive Communion or the blessing. The consecrated Bread may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. To receive the consecrated Wine, grasp the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.

We would love for you to fill out a **Visitor's Card** or a **Prayer Card** available in the pews. Place them in the offering plate or hand them to one of the ushers and we would be happy to follow up with you during the week.

Again, WELCOME to St. Vincent's Cathedral.

"May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you: may the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Anyone interested in membership, baptism, confirmation, reception or reaffirmation, please contact the Church Office at 817-354-7911.

Where you see this sign **†**, this is where we cross ourselves. It is purely optional.

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September 24, 2023

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

The Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.





Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** Please sit.

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said. "Do you do well to be angry?" Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

The Reader says People The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- REFRAIN
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power. **REFRAIN**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness. **REFRAIN**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
 REFRAIN

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-27

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

The Reader says	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Hymn 609

Where cross the crowded ways of life, sts. 1-2/3



Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: Gardiner, from Sacred Melodies, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Deacon or Priest says

††† The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People

The Holy Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

The Deacon or Priest says	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

At this time, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return for communion.

The Sermon

Dean Mark Polley

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the † resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Please kneel or sit.

The Deacon or appointed person says

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, Ryan, our Bishop, Keith, our Assisting Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation; we pray especially for the staff and congregation of St. Mary, Hamilton, Noy, Priest in Charge,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; especially Anthony, our Centurion priest in Northern Malawi, and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the staff of La Gran Familia Children's Home in Mexico, for the staff and ministry of Camp Crucis in Granbury,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For the healing of our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service especially, Joseph, our President, Gregory, our Governor, the Supreme Court, members of Congress, mayors of our cities, those serving in the armed forces of our country, and for racial reconciliation in our land,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those on our parish prayer list, those struggling with unemployment, those suffering from physical and mental health issues, and those whose faith is known to you alone,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For all those who minister to the health and well-being of others, especially all persons in law enforcement, all fire fighters and first responders, all doctors, nurses, technicians, health care workers, and all those who serve in education,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For members of our parish family especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

For all those who **†** departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection,

Reader	Lord, in your mercy.
People	Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following,

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, **†** have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please sit.

Offertory Anthem

Let the people praise thee

MATHIAS

Let the people praise thee, O God, yea let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let all the people praise thee, O God, yea let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.





Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." **†**

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **†**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. ⁺ Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Vincent and all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **† Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says

Al · le · lu · ia. Christ our Pass · o · ver is sac · ri · ficed for us; The People respond There-fore let us keep the feast. Al · le · lu · ia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

† The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Baptized Christians, believing in the Presence of our Lord in this Sacrament, and who are in good standing in their church, may receive communion.

Common chalice containing the blood of Christ is optional.

For further instruction, please refer to the inside cover of the front page.

Ablutions Hymn 660



Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, **†** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal and Response

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The People respond

Please stand.

Hymn 555

Lead on, O King eternal

LANCASHIRE



Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917) Music: Lancashire, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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Postlude

L. MARCHAND

The Altar Flowers are given for the glory of Almighty God by Ted Kidwill.

The Order of St. Luke will be available every Sunday after each service at the altar rail to pray with/for you. Additionally, a priest will be available to offer unction, birthday, anniversary, or travel blessings.

If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact the Church Office at 817-354-7911. Fr. Jonathan Mohler, head of our Pastoral Care Team, will be on military duty and vacation until September 29th.

SERMON NOTES

TODAY

9:30am—Adult Forum in the Parish Hall; Sunday School for Junior & Senior High - meet in the H.Q; Pre-K thru 5th grade meet in S-3.

10:30am-Children's Chapel in the South Hall.

5:00pm—Evening Prayer in St. Mary's Chapel.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday at 6:30pm—D.O.K. & Women's Fellowship potluck dinner in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday at 7:15pm—Fr. Foster's Class in the Large Conference Room— Christianity after the Apostles.

Wednesday at 9:00am—Mass in St. Mary's Chapel followed by Dean's Bible Study at 10:00am in the Large Conference Room.

Wednesday at 7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room.

Thursday at 6:45pm—Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Room.

Thursday at 7:30pm—Theology on Tap in the Courtyard.

Friday at 9:00am—Mass in St. Mary's Chapel—St. Michael & All Angels.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing—Sunday, October 1st at 6:30pm. Bring your pet to receive a special blessing in remembrance of St. Francis and his love for God and all of His creation. If your pet can't make it, bring a picture and join us for a short prayer service.

Support the St. Vincent's Youth & Children's Ministries by playing in or being a sponsor for the 20th Annual Fr. Hadley Golf Tournament to be held Friday, October 6th, at Iron Horse Golf Course in N. Richland Hills. For more information visit the website www.hadleygolf.org or contact David Coburn at golf@svacc.org.

Bishop Reed Sporting Clay Challenge—Saturday, October 14th, at 8:00am at Alpine Shooting Range in south Fort Worth. Register today to ensure your spot: www.bishopreedsportingclaychallenge.com.

Choral Evensong & Recital—Sunday, October 15th, at 6:00pm.

New Beginnings registration is now open! All 6th-9th graders are invited to join us October 20-22nd at St. Vincent's. This fun, spiritual retreat focuses on helping youth grow and build their relationships with, God, their family, and their friends! To register visit https://shorturl.at/jkuyH.

God is at work through Operation Christmas Child: In the upcoming weeks you will hear more about Operation Christmas Child & what you can do to participate.

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