



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)

Sung Eucharist

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<i>2nd Reading:</i>	<i>Pauline Bourne</i>	
<i>Gospel:</i>	<i>William Greenidge</i>	
<i>Intercession:</i>	<i>Devon Chin</i>	
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MISSION STATEMENT

*The purpose of St. Hilda's Church is to be Christ-centered in our life and worship,
to serve lovingly those within our family and others within our reach
that the spirit of God might empower us for worship. service, education,
stewardship, evangelism and pastoral care.*

The Order of Service

PRELUDE: ***Jesus is My Lord – Chorale & Variations*** (Glen De Line)

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God,
you fed your people in the wilderness when they could see no way forward.
You know our fears, our worries, and our needs.
Feed us today with your word, strengthen us by your grace,
We pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
Text: Joachim Neander; Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

WELCOME:

GREETINGS:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Children/Youth Talk: *Fr. Abbah*

INTROIT: **This is the Day**
Text & Music: Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us the gates of God, the gates of God;
we will go in, we will go in and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God; we will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name,
we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God; we will praise your name;
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Canon Abbah)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: **Exodus 16:2-15** *(Rasheeda Gurley)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites,

they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"

For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *(chanted)*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30 *(Pauline Bourne)*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 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 for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL: Breathe on me, Breath of God

Text: Edwin Hatch; Music: TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,

until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

(William Greenidge)

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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 the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Halle Halle Halle-lujah** *(Caribbean)*

THE SERMON: *Canon Abbah*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.

INTERCESSION *(Devon Chin)*

Let us pray to our God, who fed Israel in the wilderness,
who calls the Church to faithful service, and whose generosity extends to all.

God of provision, feed your Church with your Word and Spirit.

Where we are tired, renew us. Where we are divided, unite us.

Where we are anxious about the future, teach us to trust you.

Help us to become communities where everyone has a place

and everyone is valued. every gift is discerned and allowed to magnify you.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Sarah - Canterbury, Shane - Canada,

Andrew – Toronto, Kevin and Riscylla, and all bishops, priests, deacons and lay

people throughout the world. Give your Church courage to proclaim the gospel
and humility to serve the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of justice and peace, we pray for nations experiencing war, poverty, hunger, displacement and political uncertainty.
Where people cry out for bread, move us toward practical compassion.
Where resources are unequally shared, raise up leaders committed to justice.
Where people live in fear, bring peace.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God who provided manna in the wilderness, we remember those who do not have enough food, shelter, employment or security.
We pray for families struggling with rising costs,
for those experiencing homelessness, for refugees and displaced people,
and for all who live with uncertainty about tomorrow.
Make us attentive to their needs and generous with what you have entrusted to us.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious or discouraged. Anoint them with the oil of your grace, give them the daily bread of strength, the living water of hope, and people who will walk beside them.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Generous God, forgive us when we complain about what we have because we are looking at what someone else has.
Forgive us when we believe your blessings must be divided into winners and losers.
Teach us to receive your grace with gratitude
and celebrate your goodness wherever it appears.
Give us enough faith, enough courage and enough grace for today.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you know what we need before we ask.
Receive these prayers and teach us to trust your provision,
follow your calling, and share your gifts generously;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Tune: FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(refrain)

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(refrain)*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUPPLEMENTARY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.

Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one
in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Malotte)*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in Him!**

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Just as I am, Without One Plea

Text: Charlotte Elliott; Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind!
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
all that I need, in you to find:
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am! You will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am! Of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a time and then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

ABLUTIONS:

God will Take Care of You

Text: Civilla D. Martin: Tune: GOD CARES

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

(refrain)

**God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. *(refrain)*

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. *(refrain)*

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you. *(refrain)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May God, who fed his people in the wilderness, provide for you in every season.
strengthen you for faithful service and fill you with gratitude, generosity and joy.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL:

To God be the Glory

Text: Franny Crosby; **Tune:** TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(refrain)**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(refrain)**

THE DISMISSAL:

Followers of the Christ, Inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Serve the world God loves. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Frost Fantasia *Glen De Line*