

**The Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost**
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
Sept 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us this morning, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website (www.adventks.org), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priests by calling the church office (610 444-4624) or by email: rector@adventks.org (The Rev. Tim Johnson) or emma@adventks.org (The Rev. Emma Di Pace). **Again, welcome!**

Our Parish Vision:

To build and nurture a community where all people may encounter God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and learn to live as his followers in the world.

Our Parish Mission:

We seek to grow as disciples of Christ –
in community, prayer, learning, and service.

Our Parish Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory
and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Elementary Sunday School is on summer break and will resume next Sunday, Sept 27. Don't forget to register your child for Sunday School!

Jr/Sr High Sunday School is on summer break and will resume next Sunday, Sept 27. Don't forget to register your youth for Sunday School!

Adult Formation is on summer break and will resume next Sunday, Sept 27 with a presentation from the leadership of the St. James School at 9:45 in the Parish Hall.

Readings for Next Week (Sept 27): Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

Next midweek Eucharist at 8 am in the Chapel: Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist (Monday, Sept 21); Feast of St. Michael & All Angels (Tuesday, Sept 29).

*Our liturgy is taken from Enriching Our Worship,
an authorized supplement to the Prayer Book.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

OPENING HYMN

It's Me, O Lord

#177 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red & black hymnal)

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

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."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

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

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

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

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA (*Please stand as you are able for the Alleluia & Gospel.*)

sing 3 times



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THE GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “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.”

brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please remain standing, kneel, or sit for the prayers.)*

The response is “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant In silence, let us confess our sins before God.

Silence is observed.

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.

THE PEACE (*Please stand as you are able for the Peace.*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Only in God

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(Please stand as you are able.)

A musical score for the Offertory, featuring four staves. The first two staves are in treble clef, and the last two are in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:"

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we of - fer, Lord, our prais-es; heart and mind and strength we bring;

give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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 MUSIC: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830
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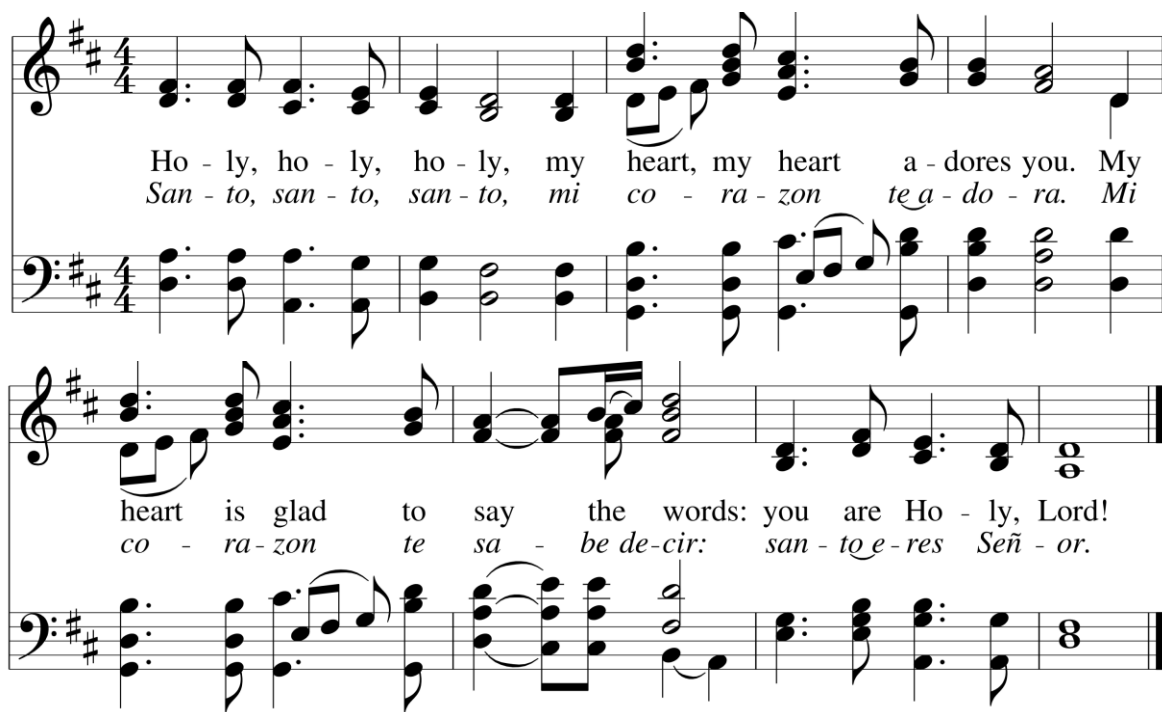
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sing 3 times in English.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra. Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are Ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Señ - or.

(Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remember his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation...

...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

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

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory for ever
and ever. Amen.**



Lamb of God,
Prince of Peace,
Bread of Life,
Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on



Lamb of God.
us, Prince of Peace.
Bread of Life.
us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arm*
#196 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red & black hymnal)

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life
#335 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Buxthude

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WORSHIP SUPPORT

Lector: Dick Sanford
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The Advent Altar Guild

PARISH VISIT TO THE ST. JAMES SCHOOL

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 7 AM – NOON

Our parish has been a partner of St. James for many years. On Saturday, October 24th, we have an opportunity to visit the school! We will gather in our church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. St. James will send their bus to take us to the school campus where we will help set up and run their Saturday morning neighborhood farmers market that provides fresh, free food to families in the community. After the farmer's market, we will tour the school. The bus will bring us back to our church between 11:30 and 12:00 p.m.

If you like would to go, please complete the form at the QR code below.



PARISH WEEKEND RETREAT, JANUARY 29TH-31ST, 2027

THEME: *BEING ATTENTIVE TO GOD'S PRESENCE*

Join us on our parish weekend retreat at the St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, Pennsylvania. The weekend will include opportunities for learning, fellowship, worship, and rest/leisure. The cost is \$235 per person, which includes lodging for two nights (single and double occupancy available) and all meals. For additional information or to register, scan the QR code below.

For additional information on the St. Raphaela Center, go to:
<https://www.straphaelacenter.org>

