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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sextons of the Bell*

PRELUDE - *Rêverie*

*Claude Debussy  
(1862-1918)*

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, p. 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

p. 355

GLORIA, HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

## THE 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

***All: Thanks be to God***

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- <sup>37</sup> He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- <sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- <sup>39</sup> He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- <sup>40</sup> They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- <sup>41</sup> He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- <sup>42</sup> For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- <sup>43</sup> So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- <sup>44</sup> He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- <sup>45</sup> That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:21-30

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***All: Thanks be to God***

HYMN 660 "O Master, let me walk with thee"

(verses 1-2)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

*Response before the Gospel: 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."

*Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ***

HYMN 660 "O Master, let me walk with thee" (verses 3-4)

THE HOMILY The Rev. Billy Adams

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book, p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI p. 392

THE ABSOLUTION p. 360

THE PEACE (*standing*)

## **The Holy Communion**

THE OFFERTORY

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord*

*William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)*

*(See text on insert)*



*A collection is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely online.*

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 380, stanza 3)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A p. 361

THE PROPER PREFACE "*Of God the Father*"

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image,  
and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-129

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-163

*(Sung by the congregation and choir while the clergy prepare the communion vessels.)*

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. **The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted. If you wish to receive the wine, please drink directly from the Chalice.** It is perfectly acceptable to receive communion in one kind (the bread only). Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Those who are not baptized, or who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by placing crossed arms over the chest.*

*When directed by the ushers, the congregation is invited to come forward to the altar rail to receive communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. After you receive, you can return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let an usher know and one of the ministers will come to you.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 341 "For the bread which you have broken"

HYMN 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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## THE BLESSING

HYMN 535 “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

THE DISMISSAL

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE - *Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 145*     *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
(1637-1707)

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## **Those Assisting at Today's Service**

Lector:	Sandy Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mary Wynn Seiter, Sandy Sullivan
Processional Crucifer:	Mary Wynn Seiter
Ushers:	Bob Bell, Bruce Firkins
Coffee Hour:	Valerie Florstedt, Susan Schink
Altar Guild:	Caroline Angelica, Diane Firkins
Nursery Attendant:	Caroline Kern
Livestream Guild:	Ryan Pettit

**The Church Office** is open 10:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday

**The Flowers on the Altar** this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen's mother, Evelyn Sergeant by Karen, Andy, Isabella, Nicholas, and Victoria Hoy.

**Coffee Hour** will be in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship thanks to Valerie Florstedt and Susan Schink.

**Changes in Sunday Worship Schedule** We have transitioned to a single service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. In the coming days, the staff will announce additional opportunities for worship and formation. Should you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at [aolivo@stesridgewood.org](mailto:aolivo@stesridgewood.org).

**Nametags** Please feel free to get your nametag from the board next to the elevator and wear it during and after the service. If you do not have a nametag, please contact the Church Office at 201-444-2299 to request one.

**Parents of Young Children Welcome!** We are so glad you are here. Children are joyful reminders that God is in our midst. They belong right here among God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. We have “pew bags” outside the Narthex with quiet activities for young children

to interact with during the service. Near the Pew Bags you will also find copies of "The Children's Bulletin" that correspond with the readings of the day for older children. If you need to step out with your child, **the Nursery (Infants–3-year-olds) is open upstairs on the second floor.**

**Rite I Holy Eucharist services at 12:00 noon** The next noon service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, October 4th

**Church School Announcements:** Registration for the 2023-2024 Church School year is OPEN. Please take a physical registration form or fill out one online at <https://forms.gle/2urJgzGMFAPJ89xx8> or use the QR code. Registration insures we know about any potential allergies, birthdays, and planning for class activities.



We are still in need of a class co-leader and class substitutes. Curriculum, lesson plans, activities and materials are provided each week for Class Leaders. Please contact Beth Van Emburgh with any questions.

Today, our 5th–7 th Grade Class meets 9:45 a.m-10:30 then is dismissed for communion. After 10 a.m. Children's Chapel, the PreK4– Kindergarten Class meets downstairs, and the 1st–4th Graders meet upstairs. Children in PreK4–K and 1st–2nd Grades must be signed out by a parent at dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

**Come join our Children's Choirs!** We meet for singing, crafts, fun and fellowship on Wednesdays, and sing in the main service about once a month. Joyful Noise is for kids in Grades K - 3, and meets from 4:30- 5:00; Cantare is for Grades 4 - 8, and meets from 5:15-6:15. There's nothing like singing in a choir--it's a wonderful way to get free music lessons, make friends, serve our church community, and learn about God's love by singing about it! Please contact Catherine Hostetler at [chostetler@stesridgewood.org](mailto:chostetler@stesridgewood.org) if you have any questions.

### **Bethlehem Artworks Display: Today at Coffee Hour**

You're invited to meet Husam, Daliah, and Jason Qumsieh, originally from Beit Sahour, a small town next to Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The Qumsieh Family now resides in Connecticut and works with Bethlehem Artworks. During Coffee Hour today, they will display and sell handmade olive wood religious items, such as crosses, nativities, statues, and more, all made by Christian families in the Holy Land. They will also have conversations



with parishioners about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land, whose population has dropped to just over 1% in all of Israel and Palestine.

**Sign up to join a St. Elizabeth's Supper Club** You're invited to make connections with fellow adult members of our church community by signing up to be a member of a Supper Club. We'll organize folks into small groups of 6 - 8, and your group will meet once a month for a meal and fellowship (supper can also mean lunch/brunch/dinner – whatever you'd like to do) from October - December. What is a Supper Club? They are gatherings to encourage connections and conversation in a relaxed setting. Meals can be a potluck, prepared by the monthly host, a trip to a restaurant, dinner and a movie—the options are endless. The group decides who will be the host member each month, when and where the gathering will take place, and the format. Supper Clubs are great for newcomers and for long-time members of the parish, and each group can structure them in the best way and at the best time that works for the group. If there is interest in continuing to meet beyond December, we will begin a new session in January. The hosting and location schedule will be up to each group. Members of the same household can sign up together on the same form. Scan the QR code to sign up. Please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo with any questions.



**Bibles and Biscuits starts next Sunday** Join us for a new weekly, adult Christian formation opportunity starting Sunday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. You bring your bible, we'll supply the biscuits (and coffee), and together we will study the scriptures. The class will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. If you have questions, or to RSVP, contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at [aolivo@stesridgewood.org](mailto:aolivo@stesridgewood.org). RSVPs are not required, but helpful as we prepare biscuits.

**Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m.** On Sunday, October 1, St. Elizabeth's will once again offer a Blessing of the Animals service on the Front Lawn in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. Dogs, cats, birds, bunnies, chickens, and all other creatures of God are invited to bring their humans and join us for the service.

### **Mitchell Hernandez, Tenor Section Leader**

We are very pleased to announce that Mitchell Hernandez is our new Tenor Section Leader and Soloist for the Senior Choir. Please join me in welcoming Mitchell! Mitchell Hernandez is originally from Canyon,

Texas, where he obtained his B.M. in Vocal Performance from West Texas A&M University. Mitchell is pursuing his M.A. in Music Composition from Montclair State University, where he studies composition with Scott Davenport Richards, and voice with Dr. Julia Rolwing. Mitchell has written pieces for musical theatre, chamber ensembles, dance, choir, and musique concrete. Mitchell has portrayed roles such as Beast in Beauty and the Beast, Pirelli in Sweeney Todd, George Gibbs in Our Town (opera), Ralph Rackstraw in H.M.S. Pinafore, Ferrando in Così fan tutte, Doppelgänger in Monstersongs, Monostatos in The Magic Flute, Marco in The Gondoliers, Gherardo in Gianni Schicchi, and Frederic in The Pirates of Penzance.

**Funeral Service for Helen Barrand** A funeral service for longtime parishioner Helen Barrand, who died on Sunday, August 13, will take place at St. Elizabeth's on Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. *I invite you to continue to hold David, Denise, Drayton, and all of Helen's family in your prayers.*

**Meals at St. Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter** On the third Monday of every month, parishioners from St. Elizabeth's bring dinner to the homeless shelter. It is one of the best activities our church does to help others. This year, again, we need your help to prepare and serve meals. **The dates volunteers are needed are: October 16 and December 18.** This is a wonderful opportunity for teens, families, confirmands and sponsors. For more details or information, please contact Denise Vollkommer at 201-637-1536 or [denise.vollkommer@gmail.com](mailto:denise.vollkommer@gmail.com).

**ST. E-NEWS** is sent out every Friday via email with the latest updates and events taking place at or around St. Elizabeth's. If you are not signed up to receive it, you can do so by going to the Events tab on our website, [stesridgewood.org](http://stesridgewood.org). If you are having issues with receiving St. E-News communiques, please check your Spam or Junk folders and make sure you have added us to your Contacts list. Contact Ryan Pettit ([rpettit@stesridgewood.org](mailto:rpettit@stesridgewood.org)) with any questions.

**Weekday Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday services are in the chapel and on Zoom. Monday and Friday services will be on Zoom only. Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning. Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:jim.alimena@gmail.com).

**Women's Friday Morning Book Group** meets on Fridays from roughly 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We begin with conversation, then move into a prayer and discussion of the book. New members are always welcome!

Your presence will enrich our group. Any questions may be directed to Chrys Hahn at [cchrzhahn@gmail.com](mailto:cchrzhahn@gmail.com). Zoom information is in the weekly St. E-News email.

**Please remember to give** Parishioners may now e-pay their pledges and make their other charitable donations to St. Elizabeth's online. The secure Online Giving portal may be found on our website, directly accessed on the Online Giving tab at the top, underneath the St. Elizabeth's banner. If you have not returned a pledge card and would like to do so, the form may be downloaded from our website. Just click on The Church tab at the top of the page, then scroll to Stewardship and select Annual Pledging. You may also request a pledge card from the Church Office. Your generous gifts allow us to continue to do our good work, which is needed now more than ever.

**Connect with us online We're on Facebook!** To find us on Facebook, simply type "St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood" in the Facebook search tab, or click on the link on our website. Please note that anyone can access the services available on our Facebook page, even those who have not signed up for Facebook. If you have a personal Facebook page, please Like us! And also share St. Elizabeth's posts with your friends; we can call this e-evangelism! Additionally, we invite you to Like our church's Instagram page. Look for pictures of our beautiful stained glass windows and other treasures from around St. Elizabeth's Church. It's another way you can feel connected to our church even while you are away from it.

**The Wardens and Vestry** Peter Angelica and Buffy McKay, *Wardens*; Matthew Croy, Bruce Firkins, Todd Hoffman, Moe Ismael, Sheryl Jordan, Susan Munhall, Emma Reichert Pasterick, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Gaye Thurston, Diane Walker, Wayne Yankus

**The Staff of St. Elizabeth's** The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo, *Rector*; The Rev. William "Billy" Adams, *Associate Rector for Church Growth*; The Rev. Susan A. Schink, *Non-stipendiary Priest Associate*; Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Catherine L. Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster*; Beth Van Emburgh, *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*; Grace Arscott, *Financial Administrator*; Ryan Pettit, *Communications Coordinator*; Fredy Reyes, *Sexton*; Anthony Alberti, Mitchell Hernandez, Alicia Luick, and Anastasia Swope, *Soloists*

## Parish Prayer List September 24, 2023

Sarah	Christina Olkowski
Sue Mango	Abby
Meghan	Virginia DuDeck
Kayti	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Elizabeth	Diane Barletta
Caroline	Frankye
Joanne	Ann Dowling
George & Shelley Mackey	Barbara M. Burns
Harry & Jean Place	June Bové
Alan & Marilyn Michel	John Mills
Jim & Julie Robertson	Grace Hickey
Mary	Dorothea Hickey
James Pring	Claire Lent
Paula Stukenborg	Juan Lent
Alex Casazza	Jane
Marty Melamed	Jim F.
Elizabeth Sofia	Barbara & Frank Sullivan
Vincent DeSimone	Jenna Logan
Harvey Auger	Bill Mifsud
Catherine O'Connell	Pat Marker
David Barrand	Bill Keeley
Robert Salmon	Bethann
Marty Doggett	Courtney, Nick, & Wills Surace
Gina LaFurn	Joanne Judah
Nancy Chapin	The Hunter Family
Denise Barrand	Kris Peterson
Evelyn Jaegar	Suzanne O'Neil
Connie Colella	Michael D
Martha	Margaret Seiter
Bob	Ross
Bruce	Sue
Christine	George King
Mario	George Mazzella & Family
Joan H. Bové	Josephine Scotti
Bill Mifsud	Sue Reid
Miles Falck	Donna Dorsey
Domenica & Ray Gonzo	Cindy Miller
Sheila Gwertzman	Tanya Miller & Miller Family

We remember also those who have died, especially  
Thomas Neal Walsh, Virginia Petrochko Iori, and Stephen Quinn

To add a name to the prayer list or memorial list, please visit our website  
for the request form, or contact the Parish Office

Choral Anthem  
**The eyes of all wait  
upon thee, O Lord**

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat  
in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest  
all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways:  
and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them  
that call upon him:

yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfill the desire  
of them that fear him:

he also will hear their cry  
and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all  
them that love him,  
all them that love him.

Text: Psalm 145:15-20