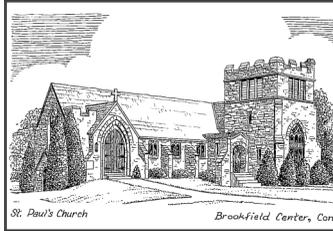


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal|Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
October 1, 2017



"Celebrating 232 years in the Spirit"

Preacher & Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector

## 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

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203-775-9587 (Office)

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**“What A Beautiful Name”**

**Ben Fielding  
/Brooke Ligertwood**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Song To The Savior”**

Come now as you are  
Grace has set you free  
Bring your heavy heart  
Lay it at His feet  
Christ the crucified  
The Lamb who died for us  
Is risen and alive  
Now our righteousness  
Sing a song to the Savior  
Lift your voice and believe  
Sing a song to the Savior  
Sing a song to the King

Oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh oh  
Let our praises ring  
We worship Him alone  
Heaven's majesty  
Seated on the throne  
Come now child of God  
You have been redeemed  
There's no greater love  
This is why we sing

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant:

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.*

## “Mighty To Save”

Everyone needs compassion love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness the kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations  
Saviour, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in  
Now I surrender  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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## Children's Sermon

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

### Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading:

Reader: A reading from Exodus. (17:1-7)

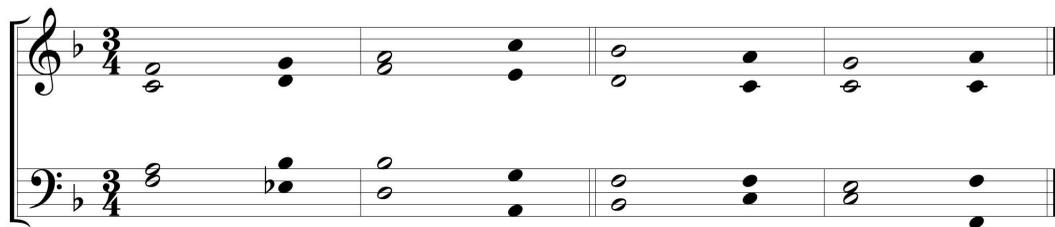
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my **people**; \*incline your ears to the words of my **mouth**.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a **parable**; \*I will declare the mysteries of ancient **times**.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have **told us**, \*we will not hide from their **children**.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the **LORD**, \*and the wonderful works he has **done**.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their **forefathers**, \*in the land of Egypt, in the field of **Zoan**.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass **through**; \*he made the waters stand up like **walls**.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by **day**, \*and all the night through with a glow of **fire**.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the **wilderness** \*and gave them drink as from the great **deep**.
- 16 He brought streams out of the **cliff**, \*and the waters gushed out like **rivers**.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,\* and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be**,  
\*world without end. **A-men**.

### Second Reading:

Reader: A reading from Philippians. (2:1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the

same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **“Yahweh”**

You alone, are worthy, You alone, are worthy,  
Of all that I am, Of all that I am.

Beautiful is Your name, Beautiful is Your  
name, Yahweh.

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### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## “Yahweh”

You alone, are worthy, You alone, are worthy,  
Of all that I am, Of all that I am.

Wonderful is Your name, Wonderful is Your  
name, Yahweh.

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## Sermon

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

### **Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)**

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 (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)**

*The Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given: The flowers are given to the greater glory of God.  
*(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest and People.*

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Peace (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory "You Are My Peace"**

I lay my burdens at Your feet  
I'm letting go of all the things I can't control  
In my frailty Lord I find Your strength  
I'm depending on a love that won't let go

So I trust You, I trust You  
I trust You, oh You are my peace

I don't have to be strong 'cause You are my strength

Oh You are my strength oh You are my strength  
I don't have to hold on 'cause You don't let go  
Oh You don't let go oh You don't let go

All you weary come and lay your burdens down  
His yoke is easy there is rest to be found

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### **Presentation**

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

## Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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. And 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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have healing teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## **“O Come To The Altar”**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

## **“You Are God”**

You're closer than our troubles  
More present than any danger  
More grand than gold and silver  
You are God You are God  
You're the joy of man's desire  
You are Father Satisfier  
We are stunned with wide-eyed wonder  
You are God You are God

Fill our hearts with love and faith  
You fight for us You make us brave  
You are God You are God  
You walk with us You lead us on  
Faith hope and love wakes up with dawn  
You are God You are God  
And life flows from God  
It flows from God

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## **“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)” (Please Stand)**

All these pieces broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered mended and whole  
Empty handed but not forsaken  
I've been set free, I've been set free  
Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost but now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life  
You take our failure, You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure in jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

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## **Postcommunion Prayer (Remain Standing)**

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn “More Than Conquerors”**

When my hope and strength is gone  
You're the One who calls me on  
You are the life  
You are the fight that's in my soul  
Oh Your resurrection pow'r  
Burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise  
I lift my eyes up to Your throne  
We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame  
We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed  
You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror

I will sing into the night  
Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He  
Living in me than in the world  
No surrender no retreat  
We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare  
Over despair You are the hope  
Nothing is impossible  
Ev'ry chain is breakable  
With You we are victorious  
You are stronger than our hearts  
You are greater than the dark  
With You we are victorious

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**Dismissal**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Beth Redman/  
Matt Redman**



**St. Paul's Responds to HURRICANE RELIEF,  
administer by The Salvation Army**

Kettles will be available in the sanctuary and Crocker Hall for your generous contribution.  
(Checks payable to St. Paul's Church, Salvation Army on memo line.)

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## **Saint Paul's Trunk or Treat - SAVE THE DATE!**

On **Sunday, October 29th from 4-6 pm**, we will be hosting our 7th annual Trunk or Treat. This is a parish and community wide event, filled with costumes, car decorating, games, crafts, candy and so much more. Please sign up downstairs at coffee hour if you are able to **donate candy, decorate a car trunk or serve as a volunteer for the event**. We look forward to inviting the community to come see a little more of what Saint Paul's is all about. Please join us!

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### **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

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### **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

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**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

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### **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today for Healing Sunday are: 8:00 Pat Brought and Donna Cennamo, 10:30 Barbara Hock and Mary Ellen Olivieri and Walter VonEgidy.

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### **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. New Milford Social Services Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of October.

## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Oct. 1	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist</b>
Mon., Oct. 2	-	10:00 AM	-	Christian Caring
		7:00 PM	-	Stephen Ministry
		7:00 PM	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., Oct. 3	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		7:00 PM	-	Communications Committee
Wed., Oct. 4	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
Thu., Oct. 5	-	7:30 PM	-	Property Committee
		7:30 PM	-	Mission Committee
		7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Oct. 7	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		9:30 AM	-	PraiseMoves

**Next Sunday — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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