



**Morning Prayer**  
*October 5, 2025*  
*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*Psalm 122:1*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

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

**Invitatory and Psalter**

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*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

**Venite**

**Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Psalm 37**

### ***Noli aemulari***

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Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
 do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
 and like the green grass fade away.  
 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.  
 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
 and he shall give you your heart's desire.  
 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
 and he will bring it to pass.  
 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
 and your just dealing as the noonday.  
 Be still before the LORD \*  
 and wait patiently for him.  
 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
 the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
 do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.  
 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
 but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 16. The Song of Zechariah

**Luke 1: 68-79**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Lesson

**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **You are God**

## ***Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 17:5-10**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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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.

## The Prayers

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<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Suffrages B

V.	Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R.	<b>Govern and uphold them, now and always.</b>
V.	Day by day we bless you;
R.	<b>We praise your name for ever.</b>
V.	Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R.	<b>Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.</b>
V.	Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R.	<b>For we put our trust in you.</b>
V.	In you, Lord, is our hope;
R.	<b>And we shall never hope in vain.</b>

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

## The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New podcast series from the Diocese: *Sacred, Secular, Syncopated*.** What happens when theology meets hip-hop? Join Emily Austin in conversation with writer and theologian **Femi Olutade**, lead writer for the acclaimed *Dissect* podcast's Kendrick Lamar season, for a three-part series exploring what it means to live in the tension of the sacred, the secular, and the syncopated. The first episode is now streaming on all major platforms.

**Applications are now open for the West Tennessee Diocesan Youth Council.** *Deadline: November 3, 2025.* The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a dedicated group of 7th-12th grade students from the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee. These young leaders are entrusted with sharing their thoughts, perspectives, and interests with adult diocesan leadership, organizing meaningful fellowship and service events for youth, and providing insights to Bishop & Council, the governing body of the Diocese of West Tennessee. The application for the DYC is now open and will close on November 3, 2025. Go to [EDWTN.org/Youth](https://EDWTN.org/Youth) for full information. Questions? Contact [eaustin@episwtn.org](mailto:eaustin@episwtn.org).

**Tickets are now on sale for the Feast of St. Columba; Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. | St. Columba (Memphis).** Join us for an evening under the stars at Gates Pavilion as we share three courses of delicious food, fellowship in nature, and support for St. Columba. The Feast of St. Columba is a magical night that raises funds for the hundreds of campers and guests who experience God's presence through camps and retreats at this natural sanctuary for all people. Tickets are \$80 per person. St. Columba Sponsors (\$600) receive a table for six with priority seating and sponsor recognition. Spirit Sponsors (\$50) may support the event even if unable to attend. Purchase tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/FeastSC2025>

**Lecture: *Theology and the Music of Kendrick Lamar* with Femi Olutade; Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. | The Atrium at Overton Square (Memphis).** The Barth House Theological Society is pleased to welcome Femi Olutade - writer, podcaster, theologian, and lead writer of *Dissect's* acclaimed deep-dive into Kendrick Lamar's *DAMN* - to Memphis for its 2025 Fall Lecture. In this provocative talk titled *Sacred, Secular, Syncopated*, Olutade will explore the spiritual and theological themes pulsing through Kendrick Lamar's music—from holiness and justice to personal transformation and prophetic critique. Admission is free, but tickets are required: <https://tinyurl.com/BHTS2025>. *Please consider making a donation when reserving your tickets.*