



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

921 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021 212-288-8920

www.mapc.com

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

God of all mercy, have mercy on us. God of all wisdom, illumine our minds. God of all life, shine into our hearts. God of all goodness, deliver us from evil. God of all compassion, shelter us in our need. God of all power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Folk Tune

*Percy Whitlock*

(from *Five Pieces*, 1929)

(1903-1946)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let every tongue confess the good news:

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Andrew D. Smothers**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burden of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Richard Proulx*

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It is divided into three sections: the first section is marked 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second section is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third section is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It is divided into three sections: the first section is marked 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second section is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third section is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

— © 1971, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721566

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, The God of all cre -  
 a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal -  
 va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev-ery faith - less  
 mur - mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864  
 Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang* (1566)

\*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
 let us be reconciled to one another.  
 The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
 responding, "And also with you."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

(*nrsy*, page 61 OT)

\*PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Shepherd's Pipes

1. Give ear, my peo - ple, to my word, To teach - ings true and bold.  
 2. In Eg - ypt, there the Lord did work Great mar - vels in the land.  
 3. With clouds God led them in the day, With fie - ry light by night,  
 My mouth will speak a pa - ra - ble, Dark say - ings from of old.  
 The sea di - vid - ed, mak - ing two, The deed of God's own hand.  
 To guide them in the wil - der - ness, To save them with great might.  
 To child - ren's child - ren let us tell The tri - umphs for us won,  
 The wa - ters were blown back in heaps, Be - tween them came dry land.  
 The Lord split rocks to bring forth drink, To quench their dead - ly thirst,  
 The glo - rious deeds we've known and heard, Of won - ders God has done.  
 And thus our peo - ple were brought forth By God's al - might - y hand.  
 Made streams gush forth from out of rocks When life seemed at its worst.

Text: Fred R. Anderson, © 2010, all rights reserved  
 Music: Annabeth McClelland Gay, © Pilgrim Press, 1958; Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721566

*(Following the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

## LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

**Dr. Springsted**

*Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

### EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13  
*(nrsv, page 186 NT)*

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

### GRADUAL *(11:15 am)*

*Andrew Henderson*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.  
*(Psalm 19:14)*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32  
*(nrsv, page 22 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

### SERMON

***"The Interests of Others"***

**Dr. Springsted**

### \*HYMN *(11:15 am)*

To the Name of Our Salvation

*Oriel*



1. To the name of our sal - va - tion, laud and hon - or let us pay,
2. Je - sus is the name ex - alt - ed o - ver ev - ery oth - er name;
3. 'Tis the name that who - so preach - es speaks like mu - sic to the ear;
4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son,



which for many a gen - er - a - tion hid in God's fore-know-ledge lay,  
in this name, when - e'er as - sault - ed, we can put our foes to shame;  
who in prayer this name be - seech - es finds its com - fort ev - er near;  
praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er three and ev - er one;



but with ho - ly ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
strength to them who else had halt - ed, eyes to blind and feet to lame.  
who its per - fect wis - dom reach - es, heaven - ly joy pos - sess - es here.  
one in might and one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Text: Latin, 15th Century, trans. John M. Neale (1818-1866)  
Music: Kaspar Ett (1788-1847), *Cantica Sacra* (Munich, 1840)

### \*THE NICENE CREED

**Mr. Smothers**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 on 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Ms. Bartlett

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

## WORD IN ACTION

*“Peace & Global Witness Offering”* Deacon Penny Gemma (9 am)  
Elder Kathy Hoffman (11:15 am)

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Christus factus est (1879)

Anton Bruckner  
(1824-1896)

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us, even unto death, death upon the cross. Because of this, God raised him and bestowed on him the name which is above all names.*  
(Philippians 2:8-9)

## \*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

## INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name:”

## SANCTUS

*Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

— from *A Community Mass*, © 1971, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under *OneLicense.net A-721566*

*(Communion Prayer continues) “... the mystery of faith:”*

## ACCLAMATION

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

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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

## BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

**Pastor:** Gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Let us keep the feast.

## DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

*Once you have communed, you may return to your pew, or you may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another. Thereafter you may return to your pew.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

From *Elijah*, Op. 70

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1809-1847)

O come, every one that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto him.  
O hear, and your souls shall live forever. (*Isaiah 55:1, 3*)

**Katherine Wessinger, soprano; Helen Karloski, alto**  
**Marc Molomot, tenor; Blake Burroughs, bass**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Jacques Berthier, 1984, © Les Presses de Taizé  
 Used by permission of GIA Publications Inc., Chicago, IL  
 Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721566.

CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 148 At the Name of Jesus King's Weston

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Springsted

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Weaver

(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D major (1962) David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Welcome!** We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it.

**Have children?** Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

**MAPC Mission Statement**

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

<b>Pastoral Staff</b>
<b>The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted</b> , <i>Interim Pastor</i>
<b>The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett</b> , <i>Associate Pastor</i>
<b>The Rev. Andrew D. Smothers</b> , <i>Interim Associate Pastor</i>
<b>The Rev. Paula V. Cooper</b> , <i>Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow (2017-2019)</i>
<b>Dr. Andrew E. Henderson</b> , <i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i>
<b>Mary W. Huff</b> , <i>Associate Director of Music</i>
<b>Christina A. Cosby</b> , <i>Director of Christian Formation</i>
<b>Laura Graham</b> , <i>Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School</i>
<b>The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Shoup</b> , <i>Pastoral Counselor (212-628-1812)</i>
<b>The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson</b> , <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
<b>Dr. John B. Weaver</b> , <i>Director of Music &amp; Organist Emeritus</i>