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Edwards Order of Worship  
The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



*Faithfulness*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our community of faith. We are so glad to have you worship with us this morning! It's our most fervent prayer that the Holy Spirit has connected you to the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We invite you to be a part of any of our ministry and if we can serve you in any way don't hesitate to contact us, 970-476-0618.

Blessings,

*Father Brooks, Mother Emily, Deacon Steve, Denise, Margie, Mary, Rebecca, Katie and Kimberly*  
(ECOT Staff)

Please introduce yourself to us, especially if we can serve you anytime in the coming year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Would you please:***

- Place me on your mailing list.
  - Place me on your email list.
  - Pray for \_\_\_\_\_
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***Could you tell me more about:***

- Services such as baptisms and weddings
- Mission and Outreach opportunities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Teachings
- Resources for personal challenges or help in a difficult time

***Please complete and tear this form off and place in the offertory plate.***

## Opening Hymn

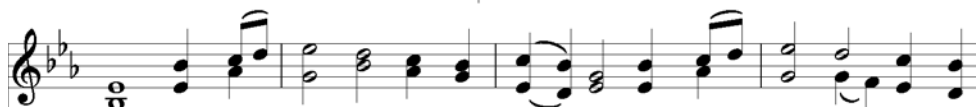
### *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at  
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of  
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.



## Children's Message

### Welcome & Announcements

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

### Collect of the Day

*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.*

### First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

*All sit.*

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? “As I live,” says the Lord God, “this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord God. “Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I

have no pleasure in the death of anyone,” says the Lord God. “Turn, then, and live.”

Reader                    The Word of the Lord.  
People                    *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
*let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
*let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
*and teach me your paths.*
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
*for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.*
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
*for they are from everlasting.*
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
*remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
*therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
*and teaches his way to the lowly.*

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If 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.***

*All stand.*

*What wondrous love is this*



1 What      won - drous love is      this,      O my      soul,      O my      soul! What  
2 To      God and to the      Lamb,      I will      sing,      I will      sing,      to  
3 And      when from death I'm      free,      I'll sing      on,      I'll sing      on,      and



won-drous love is      this,      O my      soul! What      won-drous love is      this that  
God and to the      Lamb,      I will      sing.      To      God and to the      Lamb who  
when from death I'm      free,      I'll sing      on.      And      when from death I'm      free I'll



caused the Lord      of      bliss      to      lay      a -      side      his      crown      for      my  
is      the      great      I      AM,      while      mil -      lions      join      the      theme,      I      will  
sing      and      joy -      ful      be,      and      through      e -      ter -      ni -      ty      I'll      sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

*Deacon*

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."

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

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

## Sermon

*"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." Galatians 5: 22-23*

*All stand.*

## Nicene Creed

***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**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Deacon says,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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

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

*People* *And also with you.*

## Offertory Hymn

*Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

## Holy Communion

*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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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*

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.”

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. People who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.*

*He Is Lord*

*He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, Ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Chris is Lord.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## A Note on Today's Readings

*Proper 21: Sunday closest to September 28—Year A*

Welcome to our parish. After Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, several groups who opposed him challenged him. Today he is questioned by the official leaders, the chief priests and elders. They question his authority but he responds with a question that reveals their own weakness. Then in a parable, Jesus warns them that their privileged positions will not insure them a place in God's kingdom.

In the first reading today, God appeals to the people through the prophet Ezekiel. God wishes to save everyone. The matter is in the people's hands. They may repent and be saved or they may refuse and be lost. "I have no pleasure in anyone's death," says God, "Turn then and live."

We continue to read from Philippians. Paul encourages his friends to live in unity and care for one another. As the example of how they are to live, he quotes what was probably an early Christian hymn about Christ's self-giving love for us.

We gather week by week, a people called into God's family. God sets no barrier to us or to anyone; only we can erect a barrier between God and ourselves. God calls us in this holy meal to join in that family of God for whom Christ emptied himself and gave up his life for us. We rejoice and join with all creation and every tongue in confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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