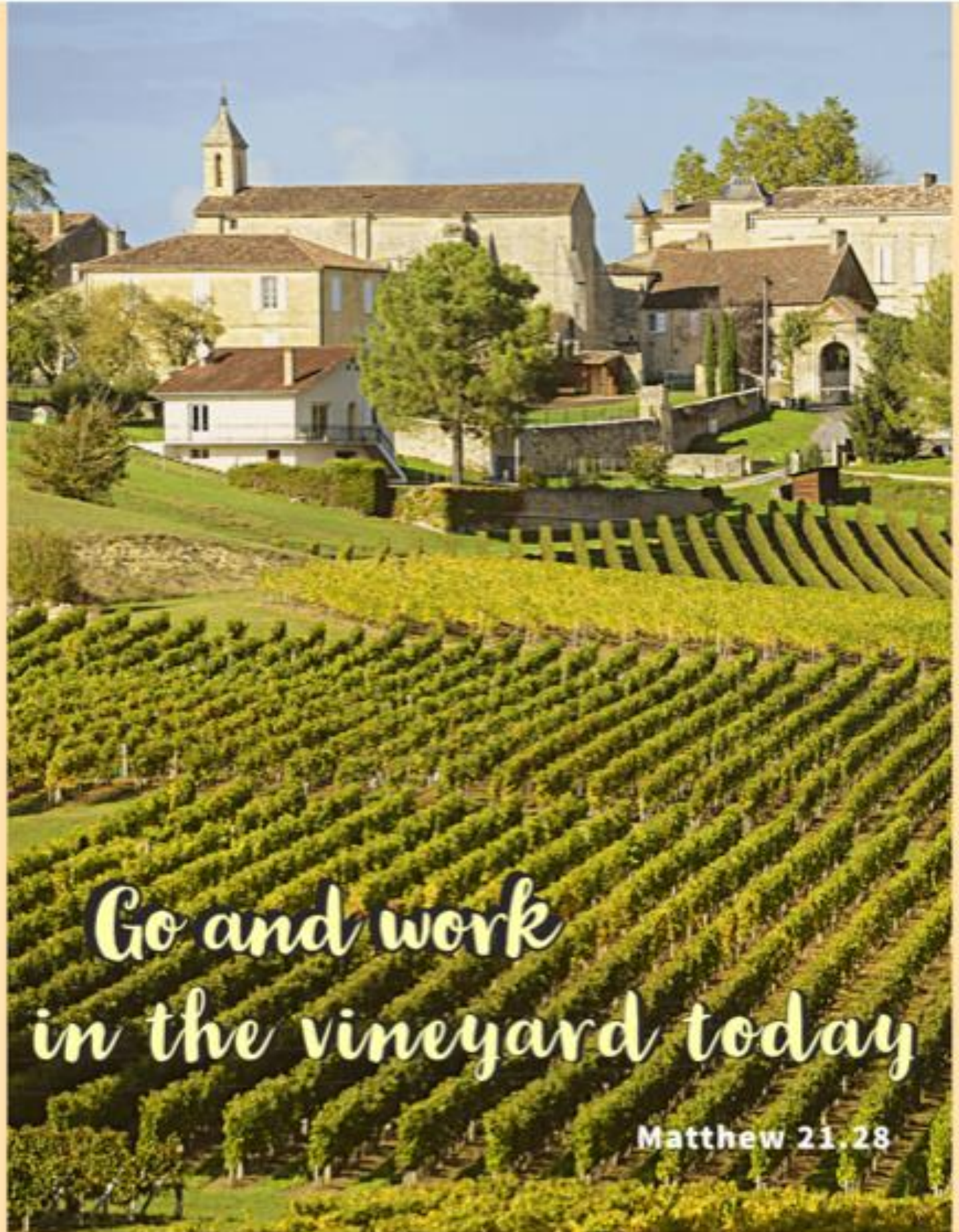


PRINCE OF PEACE



*Go and work
in the vineyard today*

Matthew 21.28

Sunday September 27, 2020
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
Have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to
overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of
salvation, through Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Children's Moment

First Reading: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² 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"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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? ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ 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? ³⁰ 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. ³¹ 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? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25.1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

**³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he 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?"

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.

Message

Song: "Spirit of God" ELW 800 Morecombe 10 10 10 10

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move,
Stoop to my weakness strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own soul, heart and strength and mind?
see your cross there; teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Apostles Creed

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 into hell.

**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 Peace

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions change our minds and teach us to trust your authority.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us – tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: "Come Ye Disconsolate" 607

Consolator 11 10 11 10

1. Come ye disconsolate
Where'er ye languish
Come to the mercy seat
Fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded hearts
Here tell your anguish
Earth has no sorrow
That heav'n cannot heal

2. Joy of the desolate
Light of the straying
Hope of the penitent
Fadeless and pure
Here speaks the Comforter
Tenderly saying
Earth has no sorrow
That heav'n cannot cure

3. Here see the Bread of life
See the waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God
Pure from above
Come to the feast of love
Come ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow
But heav'n can remove

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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