

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 19, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Brian A. Wren, T. Williams

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Cradling Children in His Arm”

Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, Johannes H. V. Knudsen, Johann Horn

**Cradling children in his arm, Jesus gave his blessing.
To our babes a welcome warm he is yet addressing.
Take them, Lord, give life anew in the living waters!
Keep them always near to you as your sons and daughters!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Loving Spirit”

Shirley Erena Murray, W. Walker

**1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit
You have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder
You have set your sign on me**

**2 Like a mother you enfold me
Hold my life within your own
Feed me with your very body
Form me of your flesh and bone**

**3 Like a father you protect me
Teach me the discerning eye
Hoist me up upon your shoulder
Let me see the world from high**

**4 Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed
In your promise is my comfort
In your presence I may rest**

**5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit
You have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder
You have set your sign on me**

COMMUNION/OFFERING “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Carolina Sandell Berg, Ernst W. Olson, Swedish folk tune

**Children of the heav'nly Father – safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven – such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, – in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, – in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever – from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth – and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Though he giveth or he taketh, – God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely – to preserve them pure and holy.**

SENDING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Kathleen Thomerson

**I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father.**

Refrain: **In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***