



CHRIST CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
EPISCOPAL PARISH AND SCHOOL, PARADISE VALLEY

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Evening Prayer, Year A

27 September, 2020

Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am

Prelude Pastorale Louis Lefebure-Wely

Hymn **At the name of Jesus** (stanzas 1-3) **Hymnal 435**

The Acclamation

Celebrant In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Isaiah 40:3

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouths 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The Gloria **Hymnal S280**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule* **BCP p. 694**

Reader A reading from the Book of **Exodus**.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then 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.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Apostles' Creed

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All 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Prayers

Celebrant **Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;**

All **That we all may be one.**

**We remember today the Province of the
Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Most
Reverend Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, the Archbishop
of the Province of Sudan and the Bishop of
Khartoum. We also remember Trinity Church in
Kingman.**

Celebrant **Grant that every member of the Church may truly
and humbly serve you;**

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

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

We remember the Archbishop Justin of Canterbury, Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Bishop Jennifer, as well as the clergy of our diocese and parish.

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

We remember those holding and running for elected office during this election season, and those citizens who are charged with the responsibility of governance through voting.

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

We remember our vestry, committees, and guilds of Christ Church and all who serve actively in ministry.

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

All This week we remember Bonnie S., Doris I., Pat T., Peggy C., Roger P., Tom C., and the Siroky family from our parish prayer list.

Celebrant Give to the departed eternal rest;

All Let light perpetual shine upon them.

This week we remember all those from our parish who are now in your presence, especially Beverly J., Charles S., and Donald B.

Celebrant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

This week we celebrate the lives of Vincent de Paul, Thomas Traherne, Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, Margery Kempe, Saint Michael and All Angels, Jerome, Remegius, George Kennedy Allen Bell, and John Raleigh Mott.

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Announcements

All 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.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

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