



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Processional – *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel* 1982 #574

The Salutation (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

Gloria – *All Glory Be to God on High* 1982 #421

Collect of the Day

Officiant *People* *Officiant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

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.

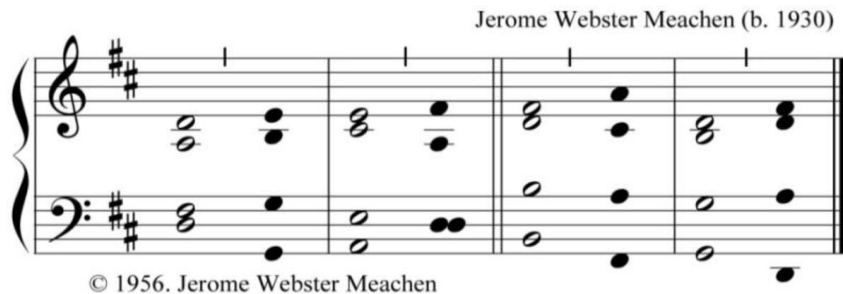
Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their

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.

The Word of the Lord. **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.

The Second Lesson— Philippians 2:1-13

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.

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

Sequence Hymn – *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* 1982 #339

The Gospel— Matthew 21:23-32

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

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.

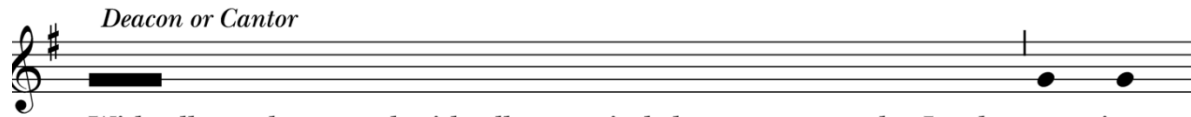
“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon— Ms. Ginny Leebrick

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

The Prayers of the People Form I (BCP p. 383)



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, say - ing,



“Lord, have mer - cy.”

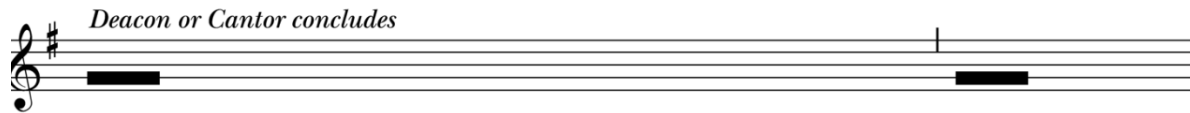


For . . . , let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

(This response is sung after each petition)



In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend



ourselves, and one an - o - ther, and all our life, to Christ our God.



To thee, O Lord our God.
you,

Silence

The Confession (BCP 360)

The Peace



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.



And al - so with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving – Rite II, Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Proper Preface – BCP pg 377

Sanctus – #S128 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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

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When the priest elevates the host & chalice, the worshiper may raise their eyes to it and join with St. Thomas the Apostle, expressing love and devotion, by saying quietly: "My Lord and my God."

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Fraction

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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As all worshipers prepare for Christ's presence in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist, you may pray one of the following prayers silently to yourself: The Prayer of Humble Access on page 337 of the BCP ; The Prayer Before Receiving Communion on pg 834 of the BCP.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion in both kinds (bread and wine), please eat the bread and sip from the chalice. This is the traditional method of receiving the Eucharist in both kinds in the Western Church. If you would not like to sip from the chalice, you are welcome to receive Communion in one kind, ie., only the bread. The Church teaches that receiving communion in one kind is a complete and valid reception of the Sacrament.

Communion Hymn – *Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing* 1982 #686

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* 1982 #477

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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