

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

LITURGY OF THE WORD RITE II

September 27, 2020

9:30 A.M.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

'Jesus, What a Wonder You Are' with 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

arr. Tornquist, Webb and Unfreid, originally from Dave Bolton and Carl Gläser
Gail Roe, pianist

OPENING HYMN Hymn 383 – 'Fairest Lord Jesus' – *St. Elizabeth*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

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 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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 LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter 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.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Congregational Hymn at the Gospel

'The Parable of the two sons & the vineyard' – *The Eighth Tune*

Michael Hudson, *Songs for the Cycle*, 2004

It's easy to agree with God concerning what is right and good,
and harder to unite with God to do the things we thought we would.

We've known the once-compelling word, the worthy goal, the soul's assent,
but grow immune to what we've heard and distant from our heart's intent.

This is a journey children make, conditioned to a parent's voice:
some vows we keep and some we break and scarcely know we've made the choice.

Most gracious God, help us to be a people gathered year by year
who tell the Story faithfully and still respond to what we hear.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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 word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

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-FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Keep safe those serving in the Military and First Responders: Cole, James, Rob, RE, Michael, Peyton and Jessica and all staff at local hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Shelby, Chris, Cary, Betty and those on our parish prayer list, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFSSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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. .

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & CELEBRATIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 493 – ‘O for a thousand tongues to sing’ – *Azmon*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
 and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
 ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and helth and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

- ◆ Today , 11 o'clock via zoom. **History of the Episcopal Church.** The Episcopal Church; who are we? How did we get to where we are today? Did we really get started to satisfy the lusts of Henry VIII? How is Joseph of Arimathea connected to our story? We'll answer these and many other questions in a series of sessions over the next few months. Feel free to attend any or all sessions. Please call or write with any questions to Nick Roe at 281-660-7513 or a.nick.roe@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82173006440?pwd=ajRYb2tQdEVFMHR1Y1lKU3RHUkFPZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 7300 6440 Passcode: 194448

- ◆ **Calm in the Chaos-Quiet Day, Saturday, October 17, 10a-1p.** Join Reverend Vivian for quiet prayer and contemplation. Meeting via zoom.
- ◆ Join us for our annual **Blessing of the Animals! Sunday, October 25, 2:00p-3:30p.** Bring your furry (or not so furry) pets out to be blessed by our own Reverend Shelby! We will also be accepting donations for Bay Area Pet Adoptions which is a no-kill pet shelter. You can find their wish list of items at <https://www.bayareapetadoptions.org/wish-list/>. We will practice social distancing & please remember to wear your masks! :) This event is open to the community, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.
- ◆ **Calm in the Chaos-Quiet Day, Saturday, December 12, 10a-1p.** Join Reverend Vivian for quiet prayer and contemplation. Meeting via zoom.



Financial Overview—AUGUST

Even though we have not been able to gather on the campus for the past six months, our expenses have not gone away. In line with our policy of transparency, here are the August financials presented to the Vestry by the finance committee.

August Figures

budgeted income: \$15,851 actual income: \$12,229 under-funded by: \$3,622

budgeted expenses: \$21,792 actual expenses: \$25,607 over budget by: \$3,815

Year-to-date we are under-funded by \$44,707 which is on track for the budgeted under-funding of \$61,000. Our savings balance is \$166,120.

Expense overage is due to the foundation repair.

Income under-funding is due to lower donation. Whether you normally pledge or make a regular plate donation, if you are able, please continue making those donations, either on-line or by mail to PO Box 1202, Dickinson TX 77539-1202.



**Please keep the following brothers and sisters in your prayers
throughout the coming week:**

Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Shelby, Chris, Cary, Betty, Liz, Beverly, LaNelle, Kim, Denise, Andrew, Elle, Curt, Greg, Vicki, Randal, Chris, Zayden, Melinda, Brandon, John, Rachael, Mike, Judy, Bridgett, Donald, Charles, Betty, Gary S. Lela, Sheila, Laurie, Mike, Janis, Cade, PeeWee and Randy.



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