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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am and 10:30 am • October 23, 2022

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The Rev. Stephanie L. Allen, Rector *on Sabbatical 8/1—11/26*

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Sabbatical Interim Priest

The Rev. Dr. David Lynch, Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Phillip Bass, Associate Rector

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PRELUDE: Andante Tranquillo from sonata No. 3 Mendelssohn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 398: I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

8:30 **GLORIA**

BCP 356

10:30 **GLORIA S280**

Powell

(see pew card)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM JOEL (2:23-32)

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.
Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to
blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among
the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 656: Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does the way we pray say about our view of ourselves and of others?
2. What was it about the prayer of the tax collector that sends him off justified? And what do you think it means to be justified?
3. Is it possible to pursue humility as a goal, or does it just kind of happen?
4. Once you're aware of humility in yourself, have you lost it?

NATIVITY PRAYER LIST

For the sick in our community: Alice, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Carl, Cheryl, Dave, Diane, Don, Ford, Jack, Jimmy, Jon, Karen, Kat, Ken, Marion, Maxine, Maxine, Maxine, Ron, Steve, Steve.

For our friends, family, and neighbors: Allison, Amy and Matt, Anna, Anna and Greg, Anthony, Archie, Audrey, Bear, Catherine, Charles, Danielle, Debby, Diane, Gemma, Henry, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanette, Jeff, John, John, Karen, Kelvin, Kent, Kevin, Libby, Licia, Michael, Michelle, Pam, Rabin, Roy, Sara, Sarah, Sharon, Stephen, Wayne, Vaughn, Vivian, William, William.

For those who have died: Thomas Jordan, Koren Harrison, Eta Jo Mayfield, and Chris D'Englere.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:9-14).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Karen McGugan

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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.

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.

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

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer we remember Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; Penick Village, Thompson Child & Family Focus, Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those for whom we now pray (*names are read from Nativity prayer list*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Thomas Jordan, Koren Harrison, Chris D'Englere, and Eta Jo Mayfield and those we name now, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Wellspring of salvation,
we come to you in joy,
for you have heard the prayers of the poor
and raised up the lowly.
Pour out your Spirit
on young and old alike,
that our dreams and visions may bring
justice and peace to the world. **Amen**

CONFESSION BCP 360

THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: **Blessed are the Pure in Heart** H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart. **Amen**

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Hymn 380
(verse 3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer A BCP 361
SANCTUS S 129 Powell
(see pew card)

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
8:30 Alleluia Christ is Risen BCP 364
10:30 **JESUS, LAMB OF GOD S163** Powell
(see pew card)

COMMUNION HYMN 641: Lord Jesus, think on me *Southwell*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365
BLESSING

HYMN 636: How firm a foundation *Foundation*

DISMISSAL
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Praeludium in C Buxtehude