

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21
Trinity Episcopal Church
September 27, 2020

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

All: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever more.

Hymn 492 Sing Ye Faithful

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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?”

THE WORD OF THE LORD

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

SECOND READING

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.

Reader **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence 686 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:23-32

People **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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father we pray for the needs of The Church Universal, guide your people in your truth, direct, purify and reform us, where we are divided reunite us in your love.

O Lord our Governor guide the hearts and spirits of those who govern the nation and nations of the world, inspire unity among them to seek the good of all especially the least and vulnerable.

Compassionate and gracious healer we remember all who have asked our prayers, for all whose lives are closely linked with ours and Trinity Church and for this faith community. Especially:

Jules, Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Our Companion Diocese of Torit (in Southern Sudan) with their Bishop Bernard Oringa Balmoi, Lucille Smith, Robert Chapman, Merritt Randall, Jeanne and Pete and their family, John Gentile, Nils Blatz, Cheryl Bernard, Celia LaSala-Baldwin, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, John Hopwood, John Wilkens, Arthur, Tracy Holzkamp Di Stefano, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Helen, Fatima, Marcus, Maria, Michele, Kerri LaVelle, Eva, Raajiv, Lucienne, Leslie, Judy, Lucy, Gerjett Singh, Eleanor, Walter

Loving Father we commend our lives to you.

We pray for the repose of the soul of ____ and for all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in the embrace of Your glory

Priest Concludes:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Priest begins: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The absolution:

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. *Amen.*

The Priest Bids the Peace

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: All glory and honor are yours loving Father. In thanksgiving we remember all that Jesus your Son did for the sake of Love. Father, you made us for your glory. You call us to intimacy with you. Unworthy though we are, You are faithful when we are not.

We come before you without bread or wine hungry for Jesus the bread of life and cup of salvation. Heavenly Father we come before you offering our bodies as bread, our blood as wine. Father, take us, bless us, break us open by the Power of your Holy Spirit and give us to each other and to the world for his love's sake. Transform us into Christ. We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer – Priest and People

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing The Dismissal

Concluding Hymn: 450 All Hail the power of Jesus Name!