

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 21

27 SEPTEMBER 2020

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Opening Acclamation

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Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

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Collect of the Day

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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 First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 24-32

The word of the LORD came to me again: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins shall die. ... ²⁵ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of any one, says the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-8

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- 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

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sequence

Cantor Give me understanding, O Lord, *
and I shall keep your law with all my heart.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. ³⁰ And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Prayers will be led by a minister. At the end of each petition the people say, "Hear our prayer." The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

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The Peace

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The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer B

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

The Ocular Communion

While we are still worshipping remotely, we will continue to have Ocular Communion as well. The Host will be placed in the monstrance so that we may 'see' Jesus. The Divine Praises will be led by the Celebrant, and each sentence repeated by the people.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Sacrament is reposed.

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant blesses the People. The People respond

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the assembly, first singing

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Our Prayer List

Our Sisters and Brothers: Carolyn, Lesley, Irene, David, Mary, David, Connie, Cookie, Bob, Jean, Ashley, Jerry, Mary, James, Bill, Audrey, Joyce, Marian, Ron, Jayson, Budd.

Our Home-bound: Mary Catherine.

Our Family & Friends: Gwendolyn, Sara, Helon, Helen, Eddie, Donnie, Katelynn, Karen, Nancy, Donna, Robert, Tiffany, Betty, Latecia, Evia, Bonnie, Britney, Neal, Sandy & Ray, Connor, Paul, Krystal.

Those serving in the Armed Forces: Ryan Hurt, Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner, Eric Mattoon.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Morning Prayer is read at 8:30AM, Monday through Friday.

Today		The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Said Mass: Proper 21
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Said Mass: Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky
Sunday		The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Said Mass: Proper 22

The church office is staffed from 9:00AM until 2:00PM, Monday through Thursday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call the rector at 314-650-5010.

REMEMBER YOUR COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Within our congregation, we have been very fortunate. Let's keep it that way and all of us stay safe.

- Wash Your Hands
- Don't Touch Your Face
- Wear Your Mask
- Stay Home
- Maintain Physical Distance

ITEMS OF INTEREST

We have a few items in the office that might be of interest:

- Forward Day by Day for August-September-October
- Forward Day by Day for November-December-January
- Absentee Ballot Applications; we can photocopy your ID, too!

If you would like any of these, stop by or call the office.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by Janet Buckley,
to the glory of God,
and in memory of Malinda Lowell, friend and colleague.