

Today's Lessons: The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 2 I

Collect of the Day

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.**

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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?"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

8am Spoken

10am Sung see other side of insert

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.

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul 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.

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People *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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.*

Today's Readers:

Lessons: Angie Essenmacher

Prayers: Jan Motsinger

Today's Music

Prelude

As the deer

Martin Nystrom

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

1. Come list - en, O my peo - ple, to the teach - ing we've been told. 2. My
13. He led them through di - vi - ded sea; made wa - ter stand up - right. 14. He
mouth will speak in par - a - bles, things hid - den from of old. 3. What
guid - ed them with cloud by day, with light from fire all night. 15. He
we have heard and we have known, our fath - ers told each one, 4. We'll
split the rocks in des - ert land, gave wa - ter great as seas. 16. He
not hide from our child - ren, but will tell what God has done. 12. The
brought them streams out of the rock that flowed a bun - dant - ly. 16. He
mir - a - cles done in their sight, in E - gypt's land Zo - an.
brought them streams out of the rock that flowed a - bun - dant - ly.

Offertory Anthem

Silent Worship
Diana Brehob, recorder

based on Händel's Non lo diro col labbro

Communion Hymn

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1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,
As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;
Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,
My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Please pray for

Those in need of healing: Pat (Mulkern), Louise (LeBeau), Lena (Gray), Pat (Snyder), Ellen (Chapman), Stephanie (Robinson), Hardy (Shelton, III), Cheryl (True), Jenny (Gettel), Holli, Ida (Davenport), Samuel (Kirtan), Lynn (Kenney), Barb (Tashjian), and William (Schulemberg).

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan: St. Peter's (Detroit) and St. Luke's (Ypsilanti).

For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic: