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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2013

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Entrance Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 637

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's 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. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Bless the Lord, my soul

WLP 825

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

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.**

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 84:1-6

Spoken

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

Fight the good fight

Hymnal 552

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People ***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."

Celebrant *The Gospel of the Lord*
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Leslie Chadwick

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 for the Season of Pentecost

Leader: Dear people of God, let us pray.

(Pause)

Leader: Great Creator, hear our prayers for your creation. Renew our awe and appreciation for the world you have made. Make us good stewards. **Help us cherish the earth, and preserve all life.**

(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of God, hear our prayers for humanity. Turn our wars into peace, our cruelty into compassion, greed into generosity, poverty and oppression into prosperity. **Grant us the courage and grace to reconcile and restore the human family.**

(Pause)

Leader: Divine Majesty, hear our prayers for this nation. Bless and direct all of our elected officials. Guide your public servants as they struggle with the challenges of these times. **Help us work together for the good of all.**

(Pause)

Leader: Merciful Savior, hear our prayers for the victims of human violence, disease, and natural disaster; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We commend them to your loving care and ask you to heal their infirmities and change their sorrow into joy. **Give us the knowledge, wisdom, and compassion to mend the wounds of your people.**

(Pause)

Leader: Sovereign Christ, bless forever all who have died and those who are dying now. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms extended in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. **Confirm our faith and strengthen our hope.**

(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of life, hear our prayers for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia; our Bishops - Shannon, Susan, and Ted, and for St. Timothy's. Perfect our faith, ignite our passion to accomplish your good will, make us agents of grace. **Help us spread faith, hope, love, and joy throughout your world.**

(Pause)

Leader: God of abundance and providence, you made us, named us, love us, and bless us beyond all accounting. **We thank you, and we praise you.**

(Pause)

Leader: Gracious God, all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves to your service. **Give us grace, we pray, to be faithful, wise, just, and generous in all we do. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Hymnal 517

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***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, forever and ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Fraction Anthem

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal 711, v.1

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Hymnal 339

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

Hymnal 680

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

Postlude