

**The Season of Pentecost    Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2020    5:30 pm**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**Opening Hymn**

*They Cast their Nets in Galilee*

Hymnal #661

They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;  
such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.

Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew  
the peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.  
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.  
Yet let us pray for but one thing—the marvelous peace of God.

William Alexander Percy (1885-1942), alt.

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**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.*

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading:** *Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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?" <sup>3</sup>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?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

- <sup>1</sup>*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*
- <sup>2</sup>*I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,*
- <sup>3</sup>*things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.*
- <sup>4</sup>*We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.*
- <sup>12</sup>*In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels  
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.*
- <sup>13</sup>*He divided the sea and let them pass through it,  
and made the waters stand like a heap.*
- <sup>14</sup>*In the daytime he led them with a cloud,  
and all night long with a fiery light.*
- <sup>15</sup>*He split rocks open in the wilderness,  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.*
- <sup>16</sup>*He made streams come out of the rock,  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup>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?" <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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?'" <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all

regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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."

## The Sermon

## Prayers of the People

## Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in Book of Common Prayer

## The Peace

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# HOLY COMMUNION

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## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

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.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

### *I Lift My Eyes*

Music by John Carter; Paraphrase of Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills in the press of a busy day.  
As green hills stand in a dusty land---so God is my strength and stay.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills to a calm that is mine to share;  
Secure in the Father's will and kept by the Father's care.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills with a prayer as I turn to sleep;  
By day, by night, through the dark and light my Shepherd will guard his sheep.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills and my heart to the Father's throne;  
In all my ways to the end of days----the Lord will preserve his own.

## Postcommunion Prayer

***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.***

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