



Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Spiritual Communion

Sunday, November 15, 2020

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

Prelude

He Leadeth Me

William Bradbury

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

Gloria

Calvary Service, Thomas Pavlechko

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -
 might-y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er re -
 ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of
 God the Fath - er. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading**Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123**S415**

- 1 To you I lift up my *eyes*, *
to you enthroned in the *heavens*.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their *masters*, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her *mistress*,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our *God*, *
until he show us his *mercy*.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have *mercy*, *
for we have had more than enough of *contempt*,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent *rich*, *
and of the derision of the *proud*.

Second Reading**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel**Matthew 25:14-30**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid

your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Herbert Jones

The Nicene Creed

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**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 IV

BCP, p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively after each petition:

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

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

The Officiant and People

**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

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Anthem **Scarborough Fair** **Paul Simon**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2 **EOW**

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Calvary Service, Thomas Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est Blest is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant together

**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 Celebrant breaks the bread

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.

The Invitation to Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Spiritual Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

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

Dismissal *The people are dismissed and respond:*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Voluntary in C - Allegro

Henry Heron

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Celebrant

The Rev. Herbert Jones

Readers

Kate Parthemos, Steven Hennessee, Marcia Bracy

Musicians

Jimmy Hicks, *organ & cantor*

Larry Barnett, *guitar*

Travis Krickovic, *cantor*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the ill, and those in need of special prayer:

Beth, Lincoln, Liz, Mary, Rachael, Victor Acevedo, Amy & Cushman Andrews, Peter Anthony, Will Armstrong, Gary Axelson, Emma Beck, Glen Boyd, Linda & Ray Brady, Amy Brill, Gil Caldwell, the Carrington Family, Becky & Brett Carter, Becca Chamberlain & Family, Ethel Chrisman, Gary Coleman-Blythe, Jim Crews, Janee Davenport & Family, Melanie Day, Peta Douglas (Jay's sister), Harry Duesberry, Joanna Dunevant, Phil Eckert, Anne Garrard, Beth Gordon, Tony Halterman, Paul Harris, Claudia Hicks, Laura Hilendbrand, Susan L., Sarah Lerke, Barry Lindberg, Susan Crawford Luce, Matt Mahoney, Vicki Mollenhour, Bertha Morene, Ray Paige, Matthew Puerto, David Rockwell, Betty Wade, Doug Waldrop, Kenn Ward, Judy Wick, Beth Williams, Nerine & Jack Woodard

For those who have died.

For those who serve in the armed forces: Jeff Sacks, Capt. Pete Michalak

For those celebrating their birthdays this week: Jama Smith, Pat Tyree, Emma Bolstad, Nathan Swenson, Cora Bryant, Stel Parthemos, Gray Mewborn

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Clergy and Lay Delegates and Alternates to Annual Convention and members of all Diocesan Committees

For Richmond: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Herbert Jones, Rector
The Rev. Frank Castellon, Retired Deacon
Katie Cosby, Robinson Minister for Children & Youth
Jimmy Hicks, Organist/Choirmaster
Andrea Marcinkevicius, Sexton

Kelly Kane, Day School Director
Abby Outlaw, Parish Administrator
Christi McFadden, Financial Administrator
Gary Williams, Treasurer
Jessamy Austin, Nursery Attendant
Barbara Tate, Nursery Attendant

Current Vestry Members are: Beth Geiger Bolstad, Roger Bowers, Rad Burt (Senior Warden), Kim Kacani, Lane Lenzi (Junior Warden), Vera Meier, Spike Panilaitis, Rob Peck, and Jeannie Wyant.

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