



October 17, 2021: The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Organ Sonata Nr. 3: Andante

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Opening Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Words: John Ellerton (18926-1893), alt.

Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)

Collect of the Day at 8:15 a.m.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b *Psalter for the Christian People*, pp. 138-140

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.



2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Gradual Hymn 338

Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants

Lobet den Herren

Words: William Henry Hammond Jervois (1852-1905)

Music: Melody, Johann Cruger (1598-1662),

Harmony, Friedrich Layriz (1808-1859)

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Offertory Anthem

Love Bade Me Welcome

Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back guilty of dust and sin, But quick-eyed Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me sweetly questioning if I lacked anything. 'A guest,' I answered, 'worthy to be here.' Love said, 'You shall be he.' 'I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.' LOVE took my hand, and smiling did reply, 'Who made the eyes but I?' Truth Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame go where it doth deserve.' 'And know you not,' says Love, who bore the blame?' 'My dear, then I will serve.' You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.' 'You must sit down,' Love bade me welcome, So I did sit and eat.

Music Notes for the Offertory Anthem

God (Love) is inviting the soul (I) to sit at the Communion table. The soul questions why God would choose him for he is guilty of sin. God says, 'You shall be he.' In other words, Love chooses him. 'But I am unkind and ungrateful.' God gives him reasons why he is worthy to be His guest. God asks him who he thinks made him with all his faults. The guest says to Love, "I cannot even look at you." Love takes his hand and says of course you can look at me. Who do you think created those eyes? "And know you not...who bore the blame?" The guest says, 'My dear, then I will serve.' Love is not arguing anymore. Love says, 'You must sit down and taste my meat.' The guest gives in to Love. 'So I did sit and eat.'



Music During Communion

Hymn Prelude on "My God, thy table now is spread"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Closing Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

Music: Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

Organ Postlude

Organ Sonata Nr. 3: Maestoso con moto

Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Gertrude M. Barr and Joseph S. Barr by Dr. Joseph Barr

Your prayers are requested for Steve B., Emily S., Mary L., Nancy, Grace, Ronan, Marty, Dana, Mary K., Boris, Anita, Billy C., Martin W., Harry and Jeanette, Andy M., Alex, Penny, Maya, Ed B., Glenn, Madison, Anita, Kate, Jim and Debbie, Lois C., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Maureen, and Linda F. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the South Shore Deanery: Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham; St. John's Church, Holbrook; Trinity Church, Marshfield; Church of Our Saviour, Milton; and Order of St. Luke.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church and Town of Needham employees and volunteers.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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