



September 18, 2022 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Hymn Prelude on “Praise to the Lord, the almighty”

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Opening Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Tune: *Lobe den Herren*

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jeremiah 18:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Psalm 79:1-9

A Psalter for the Christian People, p. 109

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on
every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen
who have not known you *
and upon the realms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured the people of Jacob *

and made their dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *

for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *

deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all ~ this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gradual Hymn 390

O day of God, draw nigh

Tune: *St. Michael*

The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Offertory Anthem

Consider

Roland Martin (b.1955)

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief: We are as they; Like them we fade away, as doth a leaf. Consider the sparrows of the air of small account: Our God doth view whether they fall or mount, he guards us too. Consider The lilies that do neither spin nor toil, yet are most fair: What profits all this care and all this coil? Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks; God gives them food: much more our Father seeks to do us good.

Music during Communion Organ Concerto in D minor, BWV 596: IV. Largo
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Closing Hymn 594 God of grace and God of glory Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

Organ Postlude Hymn Prelude on "God of grace and God of glory" Paul Manz



The Prayers of the People

The altar flowers are given in memory of Hester Guild given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Guild and Edythe B. Mackinnon given by Neil Mackinnon.

Your prayers are requested for Ken, Renée, Nancy L., Martha L., Barbara B., Gail S., Gavin M., Kelsey, Jeanette D., Linda F., Vernon K., Michael G., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, and Kenna C. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor at MANNA; Nick, our priest; and our staff. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Laxil, 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 North Shore Deanery: Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; and Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators. In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the First Parish Unitarian-Universalists.

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