

Saint Thomas' Parish Washington



(Jacob wrestles with the Angel)

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24 C)
October 21, 2007
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU

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The LORD shall preserve you / from all evil; *
it is / he who shall keep you safe.

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The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / coming **in**, *
from this time / forth for evermore.

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5

Alleluia / Verse

✠ A Cantor sings the Alleluia, all respond. The cantor sings a verse, all repeat the Alleluia.



The Holy Gospel Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon

The Reverend John Dwyer

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers

Hear our cry, O God.

And listen to our prayer.

Help us, O God, our Savior;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Silently or aloud, you are invited to include your petitions and thanksgivings, ending with

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

✠ *a period of silence will be kept*

God of all mercy,

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution ✠ *the Celebrant says,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion



INVITATION TO HEALING

The Healing Rite is offered today during the Eucharist, and on the third Sunday of every month. You are invited to receive healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone else at the healing station. A healing minister from the Pastoral Care Ministry Team will offer prayers and the laying on of hands serving as a vehicle for God's healing power and love.



Offertory Anthem *I will lift up mine eyes*

Leo Sowerby

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.

Bailey Whiteman, alto

Presentation Hymn 709 *O God of Bethel by whose hand*

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.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Plainsong, harmonized by Maurice Duruflé

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in

Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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 has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *Alleluia. Christ our Passover*

Plainsong, Tone VII

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pas - so - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us.

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Anthem *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Gerald Near

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. If you can't preach like Peter, If you can't pray like Paul, Just tell the love of Jesus, And that He died for all.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? – Jeremiah 8: 22

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata*

Leo Sowerby

Today's Altar Flowers have been provided by Cartwright Moore to the greater glory of God on the occasion of Margaret T. Moore's traditional birthday.

*Today's Feed the Hungry Offering will be donated to Bread for the City.
Please use the white specially marked envelopes. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.*



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A place to find and be found by God

-The People of St. Thomas'

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