



A Service of the Word
for

All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
St James' (Roseland) Anglican Churches, Windsor
and
Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost
September 27th, 2020

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP388 **Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

Confession and Absolution

One Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God,

All **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 neighbours 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.**

One Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

As the Deer

Collect of the Day

One Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Gradual Song

In Moments Like These

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "Lord, in your mercy" with "... hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

One O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

One Glory to God

All 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP318 Rejoice Today with One Accord

Dismissal

One Beloved, let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. Love the Lord and serve others for the glory of God.

All Thanks be to God.

First Reading**Exodus 17.1-7**

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. 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. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

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

THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST.

When he 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?" 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. 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?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 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.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 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. 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 GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hymns

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Opening Song CP388

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls
surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
2. See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and
daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the
giver,
never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering –
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar
leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding

which God gives them when they
pray.

4. Savior, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best
pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Hymn of Praise As The Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longs after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

Refrain

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my
brother
even though you are a King.
I love You more than any other
so much more than anything.

Refrain

3. I want You more than gold or
silver,
only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver,
and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*

Gradual Hymn

In Moments Like These

In moments like these
I sing out a song,
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these
I lift up my hands,
I lift up my hands to the Lord.
Singing I love you Lord,
Singing I love you Lord,
Singing I love you Lord,
I love you.

Offertory Hymn CP431

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

1. Take up your cross, the Savior
said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its
weight
fill your weak soul with vain
alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit
up
and brace your heart, and nerve
your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the
shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his
strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow
Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious
crown.

Closing Hymn CP318

Rejoice Today with One Accord

1. Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty
Lord,
whose arm hath brought
salvation.
His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name;
for he is God alone,
who hath his mercy shown:
let all his saints adore him!
2. When in distress to him we cried,
he heard our sad complaining.
O trust in him. what'er betide,
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise:
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God alway";
let all his saints adore him!