

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25B
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Testimony Sunday

October 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts now requires congregants maintain physical distancing (6 ft. or more) between households at all gatherings and that masks be worn by everyone (except children aged 2 and under) at all indoor gatherings.



Julia Stankova b. 1954 "Christ and Bartimaeus", 2017

When I was a child I knew that I was born to be an artist.

At the age of thirteen I started to visit private lessons in drawing and painting in order to apply for the National Academy of Fine Arts six years later.

But it happened that the direction of my life unexpectedly had been turned aside and I became a mining engineer (MA, Mining and Geology University, Sofia, 1978). Despite the practising this profession for twelve years, I had never abandoned my idea of becoming an artist and in 1989 (the year of the democratic changes in my country Bulgaria) I decided to quit my job and to dedicate the rest of my life to my first and strongest desire. I was 35.

It was a good chance that immediately after leaving my job, friends of mine allowed me to help in their restoration studio. There I had the opportunity to closely observe and touch Bulgarian icons from 18th and 19th century, painted by unknown iconographers.

The purity of the feeling radiating from these icons, inspired me to start studying the Bible and later the philosophy of the Byzantine pictorial system. My interest in this matter led me to my theological education (MA, Sofia University "St Kliment Ohridski" - Theology Faculty, 2000).

In the miraculous cures described by Mark I see a manifestation of the boundless love and mercy of Jesus Christ to every person who is dropped out of the society because of illness or infirmity. Through the healing Jesus Christ gives us back the lost gifts of God and we are able, in every sense, to go up to the place, which God had been prepared for the human being primordially. In other words, we-the cured people-are lost sheep found by our shepherd ONE BY ONE. That is why the gospel of Mark touches directly our hearts and we remain with the warming feeling that, whatever happens, Somebody cares about us."(juliastankova.com)

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Praeludium in A minor

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

Welcome

The Rev. Melanie L. McCarley

Please stand for the

Opening Hymn 529

“In Christ there is no East or West”

McKee

The Collect for Purity

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

The Gloria S 280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

At this time the children are invited to follow the Crucifer and make their way to Church School.

Please be seated for

The Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
 the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
 among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
 those in labor, together;
 a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the

Gospel Hymn 686 (vv. 1, 2)

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”

Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn 686 (v. 3)

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton

Testimony

Mr. Randy Gleason

Said by all, standing

The Nicene Creed

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.

All sit for

The Prayers of the People *Form I*

Intercessor

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, Alan and Gayle, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, Charlie our Governor, and those who advise them, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence may be kept.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Celebrant alone 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. *Amen.*

All stand for

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Celebrant says

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus S 130

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Franz Peter Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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 is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei S 164

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

Franz Peter Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People remain in their pews while the Celebrant delivers the consecrated bread to each pew. Please wait to remove your mask and consume the bread until the Celebrant has moved on to the next pew.

Communion Hymn 329

“Now, my tongue, the mystery telling”

Pange lingua

Communion Anthem

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness
1911-2000

Played by Bill in memory of his father, William H. Kasel, Sr. on this, the third anniversary of this death.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, standing

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

Closing Hymn 620

“Jerusalem, my happy home ”

Land of Rest

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Rejoice in the Lord

James Mansfield
b. 1927

*You're invited to stay and listen to the Postlude but if you choose to leave instead,
please do so quietly so that others may enjoy the music. Thank you!*

A special thank you is extended to those who have made today's service possible:

David Tierney, *Minister of Music*

William Kasel, *Trumpet*

Joe Lavalley & Cheryl Santee, *Altar Chapter*

Chuck Eliot, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*

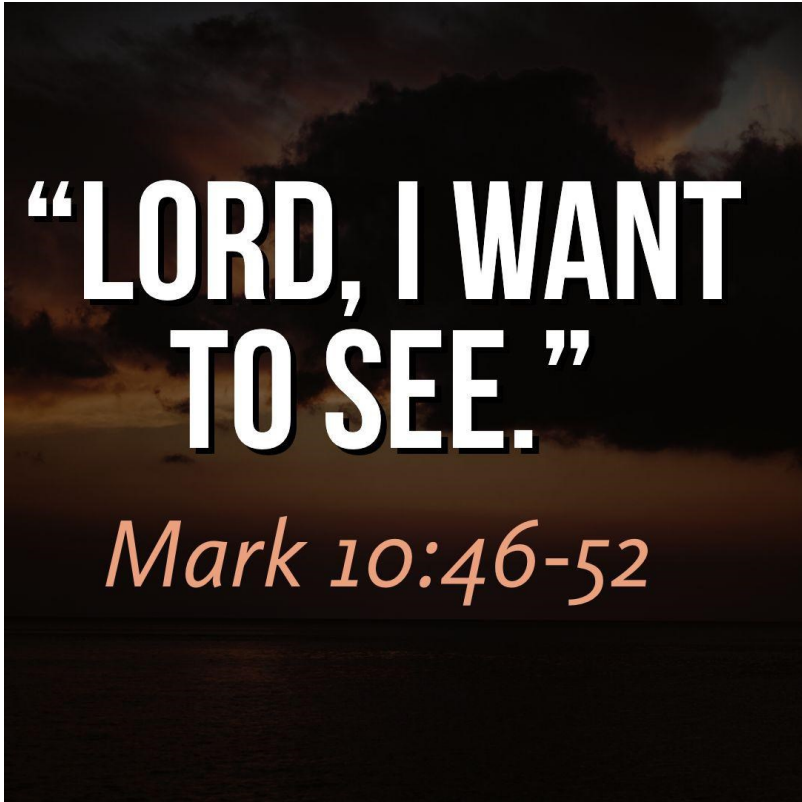
Lisa Matthews & Phil McCarley, *Lectors*

Betsy Edie, *Greeter*

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**“LORD, I WANT
TO SEE.”**

Mark 10:46-52

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