



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

September 27, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness", setting by Anne Kreutz Organ

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus 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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Interlude "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless", setting by Gregory Hamilton

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

God is a father to those who obey God's word and to those who ignore it. With great humility, then, and with great confidence, let us confide to God the hopes and needs, the pains and the labors of the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in this world who do not know Christ as the faithful Son who did the will of his Father and revealed to us his Father's kindness, that God's love may be known among them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the churches of the world, that they might prove in their collective witness and action the obedience to God that they profess, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all peoples who claim God as their god: for our Jewish and Islamic brothers and sisters, that they may be at peace with us and rejoice with us to do their Father's will, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who suffer in mind or body especially: **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Joanne Bass**, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For people in California, Oregon and Washington who are burdened by wildfires, for the repose of the souls of those who have died, for those suffering with poor air quality and for the thousands displaced by destruction and evacuation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Georgia McEwan (28th); Cameron McEwan, Becky Toole (1st); Leah Underwood (4th)**; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our own needs (Silence), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this country, that our societal unity might be strengthened by a genuine commitment to justice and by faithful aims toward vibrant communities and safe and healthy citizens, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of empathy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the 200,000 Americans who have died from Coronavirus and for the 985, 000 who have died the world over, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Breonna Taylor and all who die unjustly at the hands of police, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in the peace of Christ, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

Life is short and there is little time to make the glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So, let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Voluntary: "Rock of ages, cleft for me", setting by Gregory Hamilton

Notes

