

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Of Hayward and Castro Valley

*You've got questions... We've got questions!
Let's go on a journey together...*



Go into my vineyard

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost in an Unusual Time

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*If you are more than one, take turns reading the parts in regular type,
and everyone present may say the parts in bold.
If you are doing this by yourself, read all the parts,
imagining other voices joining you in the responses and sections in bold.*

*Find a quiet place and a comfortable position.
Feel free to follow the promptings of your body and heart regarding standing and sitting.
(You might feel drawn to stand for the Affirmation of Faith for example.)*

Morning Prayer

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, open our lips: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come let us adore our God.**

JUBILATE Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Word of God

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?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78

**We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**

**He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

**He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

**He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

**He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

**He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

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.

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Matthew 21:23-32

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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY: THE REV. PAMELA CRANSTON

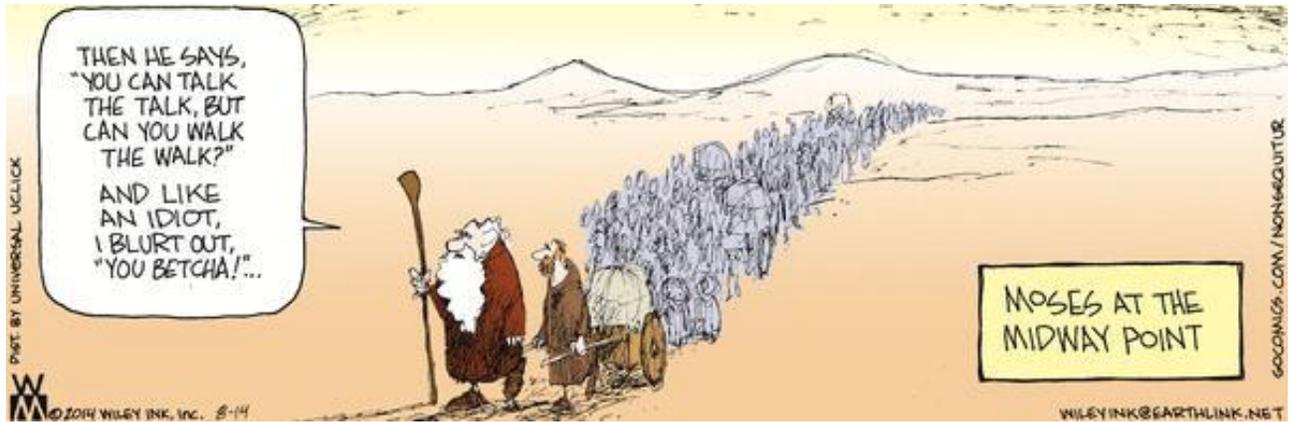
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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THIS TIME

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people around the world who are saying prayers this day and cannot receive the Eucharist, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

From The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann

Let us pray:

All knowing, all loving God, we bring our concerns, which are many, before you. And we ask you to teach us your ways, until your ways are known among all people.

We pray for the created world and all that threatens its natural beauty and order.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

We pray for all leaders. Give them strength, humility, and grace to serve the ones in their care.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

We pray for repairing of the deep divisions in our country. Forgive us for being slow to see all that needs to be corrected, and guide us in making good decisions as citizens of our country, of the world, and of your kingdom.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

We pray for the church in this time when the doors of our buildings are closed. May we be creative, persistent, and loving in finding ways to keep the doors of our hearts open.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

We pray for all who are suffering and in need of healing. May they know the balm of your presence and the support of this community.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

We pray for those who have died, giving thanks for their gifts to us. May we carry them forward in our memories and in our lives.

God of justice and mercy,
Hear our prayer, and help us make a difference.

Into your hands we commend ourselves.
Amen.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER MILESTONES

Almighty and gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we give you thanks for your servants as they celebrate a special milestone or anticipate a time of travel. Watch over them and protect them. Bless and guide them wherever they go and surround them with your loving care on every side. Grant them wisdom in the living of their lives, and grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. And may your peace, which passes all understanding, abide in their hearts all the days of their lives, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Source of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Let us bless our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render no one evil for evil; (but make no peace with oppression)
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor everyone;
rejoice always;
pray without ceasing;
giving thanks in all circumstances;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(Adapted from 1Thessalonians 5.13-22)