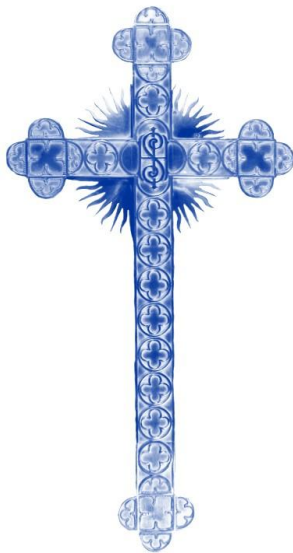


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 27, 2026 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 450

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Coronation

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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Glory to God

Robert Powell

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.**

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-8 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in **you**; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph **over me**.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to **shame**; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their **schemes**.
- 3 Show me your ways, O **Lord**, *
and teach me your **paths**.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and **teach me**, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day **long**.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and **love**, *
for they are from **everlasting**.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my **transgressions**; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O **Lord**.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the **Lord**; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his **way**.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing **right** *
and teaches his way to the **lowly**.

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 435 (vv. 1-5)

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Preacher: 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.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn # 435 (v.6)

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (Congregational response: "*Hear our prayer.*")

Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Choir Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 585

Morning glory, starlit sky

Bingham

Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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