

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

10:30 am



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

*The Codex Aureus of Echternach is an illuminated Gospel Book, created in the approximate period 1030–1050, with a re-used front cover from around the 980s. It is now in the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg*

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

## Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

### Prelude

#### Processional Hymn 495 (vs. 1&4)

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

#### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

*Presider* † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. -Philippians 1:2

#### Confession of Sin

BCP 79

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People together*

**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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider and People*

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

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

#### Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

*Presider and People*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### The Response

*Qui regis Israel*

Psalm 80:7-14

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea

### The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Hymn 448 (Vs. 1&6)

*O love, how deep, how broad, now high*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

6 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

*Priest* † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

Mr. Foster Peterson

## The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

**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.**

## The Prayers

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Presider* **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.**

## Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
 V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, Father 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 our selves 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.***

## A 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.*

## Recessional Hymn 518 (v. 1,2&amp;4)

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

**1** Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

**2** All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

**4** Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord

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

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

## Postlude

### Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### Birthdays

Audrey McBride	10/1
Savannah Sweet	10/5
Cal Beck	10/7
Robin Keith	10/10

### Anniversaries

Rick & Andrea Lovett	10/4
Leo & Sue Tidwell	10/8

### Birth Announcement & Meal Train for Stinchcomb Family

Congratulations to James and Lindsay on the birth of Josalynn Audry (3 lbs. 9 oz., 16.5 inches long). Mom and baby are doing well. Josalynn remains in the NICU. Many of you have asked how you can help the Stinchcomb family. In addition to your prayers, ECA has set up a Meal Train to provide meals on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. You can log on at <https://mealtrain.com/046z14> to schedule delivery of a meal or call Brenda Pinkston at 770.977.7664 or Megan Miller at 770.516.7224 to get on the schedule. Our love and prayers go out to the Stinchcomb family.

### Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested.

### Christian Formation Class Today at 9:40 am Virtually

Adult CF is scheduled for 9:40 am via Zoom. Contact Ron Allen at [ronallenga@yahoo.com](mailto:ronallenga@yahoo.com) or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

### **Pavilion Update: Site Work Continues**

Pavilion work continues to progress on the campus of ECA. Due to COVID-19, there is no end date projected, however. We will keep you updated as work progresses and ask that you refrain from going to church to see what's happening. We are very blessed, and we thank all those who have contributed to the project to help make it happen.

### **Father Paul Continues to make Pastoral Calls during COVID-19 as Needed**

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds virtually via telephone calls and online check-ins. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, or simply a virtual visit, please contact Fr. Paul directly at 770-490-7234 or by email at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

### **Sign up for the ECA Newsletter**

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

### **Several Ways to Give During the Temporary Change in Activities and Worship**

For your convenience, ECA now offers online giving. It's fast and easy! Please note, there is a 2.2% fee plus \$0.30 per transaction the church incurs. Simply click the 'Online Giving' button on our website and designate what your funds are for. You can also set up Check Pay through your bank and designate to ECA. Additionally, you may mail your check or take it to the church and place in the securely locked mailbox at the street; address is 1673 Jamerson Rd. Marietta, GA 30066. We greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times!

### **New COVID-19 Guidelines for Limited In-person Worship & Group Gatherings**

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of September 10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

<b><u>(YTD) Through August 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$146,842	\$158,355	(\$11,513)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$140,067	\$153,438	\$13,371
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$6,775	\$4,917	\$1,858

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