## ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR ORDINARY TIME WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 PROPER 21

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#### The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

| Celebrant | Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.                                     |
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| People    | Glory to God for ever and ever.   |
| Celebrant | 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.                                     |

Hymn of Praise 432, O praise ye the Lord!

-Laudate Dominum

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along! For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

#### Collect of the Day

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you.   |
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| People    | And also with you.  |
| Celebrant | 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.   |

#### A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

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. Thanks be to God.

Reader People

#### Anthem

A Simple Song

(sung by Thomas Hampson)

-Leonard Bernstein's Mass

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)PeopleGlory 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."

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

#### Homily

The Nicene Creed

| We believe in one God,                              |
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| 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.

#### Prayers of the People

-adapted from a Wee Worship Book from Iona

Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who may be born today and bless them in Jesus' name. The joy of God shine from your face and joy to all who see you; the shield of God surround your head, and angels ever guard you. *May every season be good for you and the Son of Mary give peace to you.* 

Let us pray for those who must work today and bless them in Jesus' name. God bless to you today the earth beneath your feet, the path on which you tread, the work of hand and mind, the things which you desire. And when the day is over, God bless to you your rest.

Let us bless those who must travel today and bless them in Jesus' name. May the keeping of Christ be round you, may the guarding of God be with you, to possess you, to protect you from danger and from loss. May the Gospel of the God of grace bless you from head to sole. May the Gospel of the King of heaven be wrapped around your body.

Let us pray for those who may face death today, bless them in Jesus' name. May God provide for you all that is needed for body, mind and soul as you face the final journey.

May Christ take your soul in his arms, and bring you through the balancing time to the dwelling place of peace and make it your home for ever.

And let us pray for ourselves.

Enable us, Great God, to pass this day as pass the saints in heaven, to keep this day as keep the people of heaven, to spend this day as spend the household of heaven, and love this day, which you have perfected. Amen.

Hear us now as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying: 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.  |  |  |
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| Ì   |              | 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   | for ever. Amen.  |  |
| Confe   | ssion of Sin |   |  |  |
| Comes   | Celebrant    | Let us confess our sin.   |  |  |
|   | People       | I confess to Almighty God and to his Church that I have sin   | ned by my own fault in   |  |
|   | Теори        | thought, word, and deed, in things done and left undone, esp<br>moment of self-reflection). For these and all other sins with I<br>am truly sorry. I pray God to have mercy on me. I firmly inte<br>and I humbly beg forgiveness of God and his Church. Amen.                         | ecially (pause for a<br>cannot now remember, I<br>end amendment of life, |  |
| Absolu  | ıtion        | Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has left power to his Chur<br>sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his gre<br>all your offenses; and by his authority committed to m<br>all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the So<br>Spirit. The Lord has put away all your sins. | at mercy forgive you<br>e, I absolve you from                            |  |
|   | People       | Thanks be to God.   |  |  |
| The Pe  | eace         |   |  |  |
|   | Celebrant    | The peace of Christ be with you always.   |  |  |
|   | People       | And also with you.  |  |  |
| Hymn  | 469          | There's a wideness in God's mercy   | -St. Helena  |  |
| 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy<br>like the wideness of the sea;<br>there's a kindness in his justice,<br>which is more than liberty.<br>There is welcome for the sinner,<br>and more graces for the good;<br>there is mercy with the Savior;<br>there is healing in His blood. |              |   |  |  |
| 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows<br>are more felt than up in heaven;<br>there is no place where earth's failings<br>have such kindly judgment given.<br>There is plentiful redemption  |              |   |  |  |

in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

*3* For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

## Blessing and Dismissal

| Celebrant | Go forth to love and serve the Lord. |
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| People    | Thanks be to God.                    |