

First Reading: 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. 2 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?" 3 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?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 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. 6 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. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

8:30am Service	10am Service
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. All: Thanks be to God	Reader: The Word of God All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 78. 1-4, 12-16

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;

*** incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;

*** I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us,

*** we will not hide from their children.**

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,

*** who has done wonderful works.**

12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,

*** in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,**

13 splitting open the sea and letting them pass through,

*** making the waters stand up like walls;**

14 leading them with a cloud by day,

*** and all the night through with the glow of fire;**

15 splitting hard rocks in the wilderness,

*** and giving them drink as from the great deep;**

16 bringing streams out of the cliff,

*** and the waters gushing out like rivers.**

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, 10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 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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Gradual Hymn: CP # 423 How Great Thou Art vs. 1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21. 23-32

(Please stand as you are able).

8:30 am Service	10 am Service
Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord	Reader: The Lord be with You All: And also with you Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to..... All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ

When he 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. 30 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.

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Reader: The Gospel of Christ	Reader: The Gospel of Christ
All: Praise be to thee, O Christ	All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ