

# **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

### **Reflecting on Giving**

While giving is done all year long, there is a season in the church that we specifically set aside to reflect on our giving to God in the form of pledging. We offer this prayer as we begin our worship together:

*Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received--abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**                      **If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis**                      **Sung by the Holy Apostles Choir**

**Opening Song**              **Hear My Prayer**                      **Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

### **Opening Sentence**

*Presider*              Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

### **Confession of Sin**

*Presider*              Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*                      **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually**

while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
**Forgive us, Holy God.**  
**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**  
**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**  
**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,**  
**united in our diversity,**  
**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,**  
**Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.**  
**Amen**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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 & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

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

*All* **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* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

### **Venite**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

*O Come and sing unto the Lord, to Him our voices raise;  
Let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Saviour, praise.  
Before His presence let us come with praise and thankful voice:  
Let us sing psalms to Him with grace with grateful hearts rejoice.  
The Lord our God is King of Kings above all gods His throne  
the depth of earth are in His hand the mountains are His own.  
To Him the spacious sea belong He made its waves and tides;  
And by His hand the rising land was formed, and still abides  
O come, and bowing down to Him our worship let us bring  
Yea, let us kneel before the Lord our maker and our King. Amen.*

### **Psalm 80:7-14**

**Led by Asa Swain**

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
    you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You prepared the ground for it; \*  
    it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
    and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
    and its branches to the River.  
Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
    so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
    and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*  
    preserve what your right hand has planted.

*All*           **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.**

### **The Lessons**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**Read by Glenn Jussen**

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!

The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

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.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**Peter Saghir**

**The Apostles Creed**

**Said in unison**

**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 Offertory**

*We now sing together our praise to God in thanksgiving for the generosity of this parish for the continued giving to the church. If you would like to give online, you can do so via our website [www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving](http://www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving)*

### **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Sung by all**

### **The Prayers**

**Led by Morgan McGuire**

*Intercessor* In peace we pray to You, O God.

*Pause for a moment of silence*

*Intercessor* Help us, O Lord, that our eyes may be merciful  
*People* **That we may never judge our neighbors**

*Intercessor* Help us, O Lord, that our ears may be merciful  
*People* **That we may hear our neighbors needs**

*Intercessor* Help us, O Lord, that our tongues may be merciful  
*People* **That we may never speak poorly of our neighbors**

*Intercessor* Help us, O Lord, that our hands may be merciful  
*People* **That we may do only good to our neighbors**

*Intercessor* Help us, O Lord, that our feet may be merciful

*People*           **That we may hurry to assist our neighbors**

*Intercessor*     Help us, O Lord, that our hearts may be merciful  
*People*           **That we may feel the sufferings of our neighbors**

*Intercessor*     Let us remember in silence our departed brothers and sisters.  
*Pause for a moment of silence*

I invite you to offer intercessions and thanksgivings to God either silently or aloud.

*\*\* we will unmute all for intercessions. Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

**The Lord's Prayer    LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**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.*

**The General Thanksgiving**

**Said by all**

**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.**

**Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant all of us, the people of this church, a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### **The Benediction**

**Rev. William Sloan Coffin**

*Presider*      May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short;  
                    Grace to risk something big for something good;  
                    Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too  
                                                small for anything but love;  
                    The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and  
                                                remain with us this day and always. Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation**

**Sung by all**

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

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.

### **Parting Hymn**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever  
Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever  
Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Time for Check-In**

### **Parish Announcements**

*If you have received a P-EBT card because you have a student in public school and are hesitating to use it, consider using the card and donating the amount to our discretionary fund for our ongoing support of families at PS 15. We continue to help undocumented families with rent and food assistance. You can donate here:*

[www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving](http://www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving)

*Sign up to be a reader this fall here:*

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gVpB-GgI8q1YnLNwTerIQFKCS4sSvzbZ258IE6CJ5u8/edit?usp=sharing>

*An email for our fall offerings will go out this week. Make sure to check your inbox!*

*If you have a prayer request or thanksgiving for our **Parish Prayer List** that you would like to include in our weekly email, please email it to [info@holyapostlesbrookly.com](mailto:info@holyapostlesbrookly.com) by **Friday at 5pm.***