THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 22

8 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE I **Opening Acclamation** Confession Gloria Collect of the Day I reading—Isaiah 5: 1-7 Reader: A reading from Isaiah 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 briers 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,

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319 (prayer book)

320 (prayer book)

324 (prayer book)

182 (prayer book)

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God** Psalm 80: 7-14 702 (prayer book) 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.

II reading—Philippians 3: 4b- 14

Reader: A reading from Philippians

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel—Matthew 21: 33-46

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew **People: Glory be to thee, O 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. Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

| Homily | The Rev. Catherine Carpenter |
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| The Nicene Creed | 326 (prayer book) |
| Prayers of the People - Form II | 385 (prayer book) |
| The Lord's Prayer | 336 (prayer book) |
| The Peace | 332 (prayer book) |
| The Blessing | 321 (prayer book) |
| Dismissal | 340 (prayer book) |

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE– FORM II

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our parish for Keith & Elaine Renfrew and Jane Atwater. For parishes in our diocese, especially St. Matthew's Church in Liverpool and Trinity Church in Lowville.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Dottie Divers, Elaina Renfrew, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Bill, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially the Rev. Hal Avery and those we now name, silently or aloud,

Silence

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The officiant adds a concluding collect



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