



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 14), YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 13, 2017 10:00 A.M.

PIANO VOLUNTARY

Arabesque no. 1 (Claude Debussy, 1862-1918)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 680 O God, our help in ages past, *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

KYRIE

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let

us go to Dothan.” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105, 1-6, 16-22

Page 728, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 666 Out of the depths I call, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please remain seated for the beginning of the Offertory Hymn. The Oblationers come forward immediately, presenting the bread and wine for communion. The Ushers follow but turn and take the collection from the front to the back of the church. The Ushers then bring the collection forward. Follow them up the center aisle, and then join with the congregation to encircle the altar. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 608 Eternal Father, strong to save, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord,
 2 My soul with pa-tience waits for thee, the liv-ing Lord, my
 3 My long-ing eyes look out for thy en-liv-ening ray, more
 4 Let Is-rael trust in God; no bounds his mer-cy knows; the

hear my sup-pli-cat-ing voice and gra-cious-ly re-ply.
 hopes are on thy prom-ise built, thy nev-er-fail-ing word.
 du-ly than the morn-ing watch to spy the dawn-ing day.
 plen-teous source and spring from whence re-demp-tion ev-er flows.

Words: Tate and Brady, *New Version of the Psalms*, 1698, alt.; para. of Psalm 130; Music: *St. Bride*, Samuel Howard (1710-1782)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 689 I sought the Lord, *The Hymnal 1982*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

PIANO VOLUNTARY

Fantaisie-Improptu (Frederic Chopin, 1810-1849)