

Sunday, September 25, 2011



Church of the Annunciation Oradell, New Jersey

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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

at ten o'clock

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: *Freuen wir (Let us be glad)*

Gerald Near

Entrance **HYMN 436 – stz. 1-3**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Penitential Order

Prayer Book page 351

HYMN 436 – stz. 4-5

Redeemer, come!

Collect and Scripture

see insert

Gradual **HYMN 631**

stz. 1-2 before – stz.3 after the Gospel

Sermon

“Getting With the Program”

Te Deum

Prayer Book page 96

Prayers of the People – Form 4

Prayer Book pages 388

Prayer attributed to St. Francis and The Peace

Prayer Book page 833

Announcements and Parish Celebrations

Wardens and Parish Leaders

Offertory **HYMN 339**

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and *Benedictus*

Hymnal S-129

During Communion: *Now my tongue the mystery telling*

Wilbur Held

Thanksgiving after Communion

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HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Postlude: *Wer nur den lieben Gott (If thou but suffer God to guide thee)*

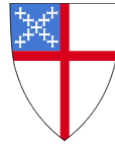
J.S. Bach

Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21

Year A



trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Collect – Prayer Book page 234

The Old Testament 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. 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?"

The Response Psalm 78:1-4,12-16

Prayer Book Page 694

The Epistle – Philippians 2:1-13

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and

The Gospel - Matthew 21:23-32

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."

In Our Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridder, Joan Hearle, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Catherine O'Dougherty, the Cutty family, Rita Huber, Brian Cronshaw, Clare Simpson, Adrian Simone & family, Marcia, Ed Hasse, Jr., and Ed Hasse, III, Glenda de Kruif, Bridgett Keith, Ann Graf, Sue Demay, Kathrine Sheehan, Flo Farashian.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week, which is given away for charitable purposes **Habatat for Humanity** an ecumenical Christian organization, Habitat has built more than 250,000 houses around the world, providing more than one million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable new housing.

Those Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry.

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Jan Simpson and Elizabeth Craig
Financial Steward: Dave Dziemian
Lay Eucharistic Minister:
Lector:
Ushers:
Acolytes: Skyler Olsen and Zachary Olsen

WANT TO BE A LAY WORSHIP LEADER? See Brian Eslinger to indicate your desire to serve as Lector, Chalice Bearer in church, Lay Eucharistic Minister taking Communion to shut-ins and folk in hospitals and nursing homes. Archie will help you prepare to serve in each capacity. As soon as possible, please let Brian know what days/times are best for you to attend a 3-4 hour session for your specific ministry.

9/26 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm – Parish Hall

10/2 Blessing of the Animals 5:00 pm

YOUTH SUNDAY = October 2nd Readers, Leaders of Prayers, Ushers, Acolytes need volunteer for their responsibilities – then to meet with Archie on Sun 25 Sept. for a walk-through/rehearsal during coffee hour, after “Stump the Chump.” Please make your questions for him easy that day. You can make them harder other Sundays.

October 2nd Dedication to Harold Graf's charity - 20th Annual Action Against Hunger Food Drive- Please donate canned goods at church or give generously to Absent Guest Plate.

A Note about Today's Scripture Readings

Welcome to our parish. The theme of today's liturgy is set by the Gospel reading. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard is one of Jesus' most important statements concerning God's call to all people. That call is always

open regardless of our past level of commitment. Those who accept it late are rewarded equally with those of long standing in the Kingdom. It is also a warning to those who have been committed to God for many years, lest they think themselves superior to those newly responding to the call of God. We continue the story of the Exodus. The Israelites are free, but now the people complain of hunger and wish to be back in Egypt. But God acts and provides them with food in the desert as a sign of his love, even when they are ungrateful. Today we begin reading Paul's letter to Philippi. Written to encourage that church, the letter comes from a period when Paul was imprisoned and his own life was in danger. God's promise to us is not a reward for doing things right. It is our heritage as children and heirs of God's promise. When we gather to sing and tell the story of God's salvation, we discover anew our identity and the identity of all people. Not content to have us merely as creatures, God has made us sons and daughters who feast at the table of God's home, which is our home as well.

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10/2 - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46.

10/9 - Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

10/16 – Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 15-22.

9/28 Focus: Michael and All Angels

10/5 Focus: William Tyndale

10/12 Focus: Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky

We are collecting non-candy no nuts items for goody bags for Halloween to give to Tomorrows Children at Hackensack University Medical Center. Please bring in your donations and the church school will put them together on 10/23.

My “**helping Hand**” for 9/11 remembrance was

10/21 – 23 Christophany #12, St. Paul's Chatham for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8.

Did you notice on the front cover of the Voice the picture of Annunciation parishioners?

