

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 22

October 8, 2023

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Isaiah 5:1-7

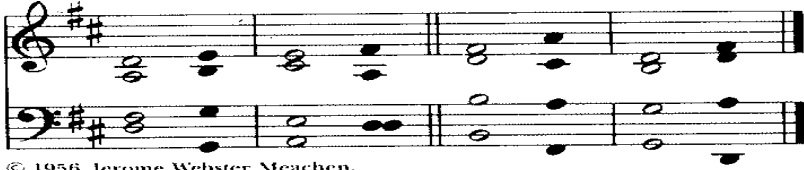
Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men 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 looked for 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 briars and thorns shall grow up; 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 men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:7-19

The Psalm will be chanted.



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- 7 Restore us again, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **whole**.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of **Egypt**; *
you have cast out the nations and **planted it**.
- 9 You made **room for it**, *
and when it had taken root, it filled the **land**.
- 10 The hills were covered with the **shadow of it**, *
and the boughs thereof were like the mighty **cedar trees**.
- 11 It stretched out its branches to the **sea** *
and its boughs to the **river**.
- 12 Why have you broken down its **hedge**, *
so that all those who go by pluck off its **grapes**?
- 13 The wild boar out of the wood **roots it up**, *
and the wild beasts of the field de-**vour it**.
- 14 Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from **heaven**; *
behold, and visit this **vine**,
- 15 And the place of the vineyard that your right hand has **planted**, *
and the branch that you made so strong for your-**self**.
- 16 As for those who burn it with fire and **cut it down**, *
let them perish at the rebuke of your **countenance**.
- 17 Let your hand be upon the man of your **right hand** *
and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for your-**self**.
- 18 And so we will not turn back from **you**; *
O let us live, and we shall call upon your **Name**.

19 Restore us again, O LORD God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **whole**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

A Reading from Philipians 3:14-21

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself .

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 21:33-44

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 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 have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore 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 let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” 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 marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Proper Preface *The Lord’s Day*

For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life .