

The Diocese of Los Angeles

**The Parish of Saint Patrick**  
*The Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks*



*"The Well of Miriam" by Yoram Raanan*

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*The People's responses are in **BOLD**.  
Please use a whispered voice when replying.  
The People stand, as they are able.*

### The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*     ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*         **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.*

*Celebrant*     Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

*Celebrant*     Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### The Salutation and Collect

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

**O** GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the Readings.*

## THE LESSONS

### The First 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?"

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*A period of meditative silence follows the reading.*

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, *Attendite, popule, prayed by Lector only*

Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## The Gospel

**MATTHEW 21:23-32**

- ✠ *Officiant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
- ✠ *People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
- ✠

**W**HEN 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.

- Officiant*        The Gospel of the Lord.
- People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

**The Reverend Steven Simpson**

*A period of meditative silence follows the Homily.*

*All then stand, as they are able.  
The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary of the Christian faith,  
is recited by all in unison.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the ☩ resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor leads the prayers. Each petition concludes,  
“Lord, in your mercy;” the People respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

*The Celebrant prays this concluding Collect*

**A**LMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, ruler of all things in heaven on earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says to the People*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People together*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## Musical Anthem of Thanksgiving

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**W**E GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE, ALMIGHTY FATHER, for your work in creation. For the blue skies and the fertile earth; for the diversity of life and your gracious hand in the cycles of this life. We give you great thanks that you have revealed yourself as Love in and through your creation, creating all things as a reflection of your abundant grace and love. We give you thanks that countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**W**E GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O GOD, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you; This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into ✠ one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*The Altar Party bows solemnly to revere the Body and Blood of Christ.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All then pray together*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God: Holy Food, for Holy People.

## Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant* In this time of social distancing, when we long for the physical Sacrament of Holy Communion but cannot - for safety - partake of it, it can be meaningful to pray for God's presence in our lives, express our desire for Communion, and name our hope of taking part in the physical Sacrament soon.

If you desire to receive Holy Communion, the Church invites you to pray with one another this prayer of Spiritual Communion.

*People* **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the physical Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*The People are seated for a period of silent reflection as the Altar is cleared.*

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis, *prayed together***

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

**W**HAT WE CHOOSE CHANGES US. Who we love transforms us. How we create remakes us. Where we live reshapes us. So, in all our choosing, O God, make us wise; In all our loving, O Christ, make us bold; In all our creating, O Spirit, give us courage; in all our living, may we become whole. And the blessing of God almighty: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, those you love, and those for whom you pray this day and forever more. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Mass is now complete.*

*Please remain in your seats  
until the Ushers dismiss the People by rows.*



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