

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity p. 323

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

Kyrie eleison p. 324

The Collect of the Day p. 182

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12–17

The Holy Bible, *NRSV*, p. 1082

Commentary: Apparently, Timothy became a Christian as a result of Paul's ministry. When Paul wrote this letter, Timothy was in Ephesus as Paul's representative to the church there. Paul's primary purpose in writing was to encourage Timothy in his work of defending sound doctrine and maintaining sound discipline. Paul thanked God for his own conversion because this reminded Timothy that God can transform even the worst of sinners. Paul's sin was something he refused to forget, because when he remembered the greatness of his sin, he also remembered the much greater grace of Jesus Christ. We can all be encouraged, knowing that if God could be patient with Paul, He can be patient with anyone.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley, Jr., Mary Agnes Herring Oakley, Joseph Stanley Peck, Mary Fraser McCollum Peck, and Mary Jo Oakley.

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