

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 21, 2018

The Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Track 1 Old Testament: Job 38:1-7, 34-41 read from the International Children's Bible

Then the Lord answered Job from the storm. He said: "Who is this that makes my purpose unclear by saying things that are not true?"

Be strong like a man. I will ask you questions, and you must answer me.

Where were you when I made the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off how big it should be? Surely you know!

What were the earth's foundations set on? Or who put its cornerstone in place? Who did all this while the morning stars sang together? Who did this while the angels shouted with joy?

"Can you shout an order to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water?

Can you send lightning bolts on their way?

Do the flashes of lightning report to you and say, 'Here we are'?

Who put wisdom inside the mind? Or who put understanding in the heart?

Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?

Who can pour water from the jars of heaven?

Who can do this when the dust becomes hard and the clumps of dirt stick together?

"Do you hunt food for the female lion to satisfy the hunger of the young lions?

Do you hunt for them while they lie in their dens or hide in the bushes waiting to attack?

Who gives food to the birds when their young cry out to God?

And who gives them food when they wander about without any?

The Word of the Lord

Track 2 Old Testament: Isaiah 53:4-12 read from the International Children's Bible

But he took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us. We saw his suffering. We thought God was punishing him. But he was wounded for the wrong things we did. He was crushed for the evil things we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him. And we are healed because of his wounds.

We all have wandered away like sheep. Each of us has gone his own way. But the Lord has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done. He was beaten down and punished. But he didn't say a word. He was like a lamb being led to be killed. He was quiet, as a sheep is quiet while its wool is being cut. He never opened his mouth. Men took him away roughly and unfairly. He died without children to continue his family. He was put to death. He was punished for the sins of my people.

He was buried with wicked men. He died with the rich. He had done nothing wrong. He had never lied.

But it was the Lord who decided to crush him and make him suffer. So the Lord made his life a penalty offering. But he will see his descendants and live a long life. He will complete the things the Lord wants him to do. He will suffer many things in his soul. But then he will see life and be satisfied. My good servant will make many people right with God. He carried away their sins. For this reason I will make him a great man among people. He will share in all things with those who are strong. He willingly gave his life. He was treated like a criminal. But he carried away the sins of many people. And he asked forgiveness for those who sinned.

The Word of the Lord

Track 1 Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; * O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your

chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

Track 2 Psalm 91: 9 – 16 read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 read from the King James Bible

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 read from the Lexham English Bible

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you."

And he said to them, "What do you want that I do for you?"

So they said to him, "Grant to us that we may sit one at your right hand and one at your left in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking! Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

And they said to him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup that I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

And when they heard this, the ten began to be indignant about James and John. And Jesus called them to himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their people in high positions exercise authority over them. But it is not like this among you! But whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be most prominent among you must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Closing Prayer: On October 29th we remember James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, and his companions, Martyrs. Read from *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*.

James Hannington was born at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, September 3rd, 1847, and was educated at Temple School, Brighton. For six years, he assisted his father in the warehouse business. The family became members of the Church of England in 1867, and the following year, Hannington entered St. Mary Hall, Oxford, where he obtained his BA and MA degrees.

Following his ordination at Exeter, Hannington served as a curate in his native town until, in 1882, he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society for its mission in Victoria, Nyanza, Africa. Serious illness soon required his return to England, but he went out again to Africa in 1884, as Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa.

Hannington's mission field was the shores of Lake Victoria. On a difficult venture towards Uganda, he and his party were apprehended by emissaries of King Mwanga, who feared this foreign penetration into his territory. After a week of cruel privations and suffering, he and the remaining members of his company were martyred on October 29th, 1885.

Hannington's last words were: “Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood.” Other martyrs of Uganda shared his fate before the gospel was firmly planted in this heartland of Africa, where today the Church has a vigorous life under an indigenous ministry. Mwanga was eventually exiled to the Seychelles in 1899, where he was received into the Anglican Church and baptized; he died there in 1903.

Let us pray: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your saints, whose faithful witness, by your providence, has its great reward: We give you thanks for your martyrs James Hannington and his companions, who purchased with their blood a road unto Uganda for the proclamation of the Gospel; and we pray that with them we also may obtain the crown of righteousness which is laid up for all who love the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**