

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17

The Collect and Psalms will be read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer  
The Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel will be read from The World English Bible

**The Collect:** Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Track 1 Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

1 Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard.

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up,

gathered out its stones,

planted it with the choicest vine,

built a tower in the middle of it,

and also cut out a wine press in it.

He looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

3 "Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

please judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?

5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

6 I will lay it a wasteland.

It won't be pruned or hoed,

but it will grow briars and thorns.

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.”

7 For the vineyard of Yahweh of Armies is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah his pleasant plant.

He looked for justice, but behold, oppression,  
for righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

### **Track 1 Psalm: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **Track 2 Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

23 “Am I a God at hand,” says Yahweh,

“and not a God afar off?”

24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places

so that I can’t see him?” says Yahweh.

“Don’t I fill heaven and earth?” says Yahweh.

25 “I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I had

a dream! I had a dream!’ 26 How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy

lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27 They intend to cause my people

to forget my name by their dreams which they each tell his neighbor, as their fathers forgot

my name because of Baal. 28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he

who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat?” says

Yahweh. 29 “Isn’t my word like fire?” says Yahweh; “and like a hammer that breaks the rock

in pieces?”

### **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people**

### **Track 2 Psalm: Psalm 82**

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, \*

and show favor to the wicked?”

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*

defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*

and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*

for you shall take all nations for your own.

### **Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as on dry land. When the Egyptians tried to do so, they were swallowed up.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute didn't perish with those who were disobedient, having received the spies in peace.

32 What more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets— 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,\* 34 quenched the power of fire,\* escaped the edge of the sword,\* from weakness were made strong, grew mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection.\* Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, moreover by bonds and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned.\* They were sawn apart. They were tempted. They were slain with the sword.\* They went around in sheep skins and in goat skins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated— 38 of whom the world was not worthy— wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth.

39 These all, having been commended for their faith, didn't receive the promise, 40 God having provided some better thing concerning us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

1 Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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#### **Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

49 "I came to throw fire on the earth. I wish it were already kindled. 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, no, but rather division. 52 For from now on, there will be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." \*

54 He said to the multitudes also, "When you see a cloud rising from the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it happens. 55 When a south wind blows, you say, 'There will be a scorching heat,' and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how is it that you don't interpret this time?"

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**On August 17 we celebrate the Baptisms of Manteo, and Virginia Dare. Read from *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*.**

In the late sixteenth century, Sir Walter Raleigh established three colonies along the northeastern coast of what is now the state of North Carolina. In July 1587, the third and final settlement, consisting of 120 men, women, and children, under the leadership of John White, landed on Roanoke Island, near the present-day community of Nags Head.

With the colonists was Manteo, a Native American of the Algonquian nation and resident of

Croatoan, who had traveled to London in an earlier expedition to become a liaison between the English and the Native Americans.

On August 13, 1587, Manteo was baptized, the first recorded baptism of the Church of England in the American colonies and the first recorded baptism of a Native American person in the Church of England. On August 18, Governor White's daughter Eleanor and her husband Ananias Dare celebrated the birth of their first child, Virginia. The first child born to English settlers on the North American continent, Virginia's baptism on August 20 was the second recorded baptism in the Church of England in North America.

Governor White returned to England in late August 1587 to obtain badly needed supplies. It was understood that if the colonists were forced to abandon the settlement in White's absence, they would carve the name of their destination on a tree. If their departure were due to attack, a Maltese cross would be carved beneath. Delayed by events beyond his control, White was unable to return to the colony for three years. It was not until August 18, 1590, that White finally arrived at the site of the village. White found the word "Croatoan," with no carved cross or other signs of distress, carved into a post of the fort. Little certainty surrounds the fate of the English settlers, who remain known to history as the "Lost Colony."

**Let us pray:** O God, you have created every human being in your image, and each one is precious in your sight: Grant that, in remembering the baptisms of Manteo and Virginia Dare, we may grow in honoring your gift of diversity in human life; become stronger in living out our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being; and bring into the fellowship of the risen Christ those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**