

Hymn during Communion CP 360

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.*

Incidental music *Sure on This Shining Night*

Sending Hymn CP 606 *There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy*

Postlude *Sonata no. II "The Fire Sermon" mvt. 1 -
Einojuhani Rautavaara (1969)*

Reflection (Debie Thomas – Journey with Jesus)

What Jesus exposes in his parable is the Pharisee's compulsive need to avoid his broken inner life by policing his outer boundaries instead — deciding who is "in" and who is "out," based on his own narrow definitions of purity and piety. It's easy for us 21st century Christians to look down on his arrogance, but honestly, are we much different? Don't we behave sometimes as if we're finished products, with nothing new to discover about the Holy Spirit's excavations into our inner lives? Don't we set up religious litmus tests for each other, based on personal inclinations and pieties that have nothing to do with Jesus's open-hearted love and hospitality? Don't we fixate on the forms of religiosity we can put on display for others to applaud, instead of cultivating the secret and hidden life of God within our own souls? Don't we allow scorn — disguised as holy indignation — to take root and grow in our hearts, until love sours and empathy dies? Two men go up to the temple to pray. One preens, the other weeps. One self-protects, the other surrenders.

Cover Image:

This painting, titled "*The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*," is part of a series of artworks called *Vie de Jésus Mafa* (The Life of Jesus Mafa). The *Jesus Mafa* series was created in the 1970s by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa, in collaboration with French missionary François Vidil. The project aimed to visually represent the life of Jesus in a way that would resonate with the local Mafa people. The paintings are based on scenes from the New Testament, with community members acting out the biblical stories, which were then photographed and transcribed into paintings.

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



"Two men went up to the temple to pray..."

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Instrumental Prelude: "*Ain't It a Pretty Night*"
from *Susannah* (instrumental ver.) - Carlisle Floyd

Welcome

Opening Hymn: CP 330 *O Praise ye the Lord*

Children's Message



Collect

**O God of salvation,
we come to you in joy,
for you have heard the prayers of the poor
and raised up the lowly.
Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike,
so that our dreams and visions may bring
justice and peace to the world. Amen**
Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of
God as it comes to us in the reading of
Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from 2nd Timothy (4:6-8, 16-18)

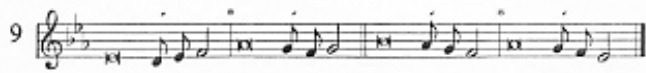
As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come. I have fought
the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the
faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown

of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture;
for the Word of God among us.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65



1. You are to be praised, O / God, in Zion,*
to you shall vows be performed / in Jerusalem.
- 2 **To you that hear prayer shall / all flesh come,*
you are to be praised, O / God, in Zion;
because of / their transgressions.**
- 3 Our sins are stron-/ger than we are,*
but you will / blot them out.
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose and draw
to your / courts to dwell there!***
**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness / of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness,
O God of / our salvation,*
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are / far away.
- 6 **You make fast the mountains / by your power;***
they are girded a-/bout with might.
- 7 You still the roaring / of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor / of the
peoples.
- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your / marvelous signs;***
you make the dawn and the dusk to / sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it / very plenteous;*
The river of God is / full of water.
- 10 **You pre-/pare the grain,*
for so you provide / for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth / out the
ridges;* with heavy rain you soften the ground and /
bless its increase.

**12 You crown the year / with your goodness,*
and your paths over-/flow with plenty.**

The Gospel

Gospel Chant Zimbabwe Alleluia



All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke (18:9-14)

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Preparation Hymn CP 439 *Blessed are the Pure in
Heart*



*Today the Bulletin, is in Loving Memory of
Robert Holloway from Ruth and Family, and
the Wine and Host, are offered in Loving
Memory of Jud Richards from Nancy and
Family*