

ABOUT THE COVER

In this week’s readings, the question that echoes from the wilderness to the temple courts is the same: is the Lord among us or not? And will we trust what we see or only what we can control? God answers the thirsty, quarreling Israelites by standing on the rock at Horeb and bringing forth water from stone, because almighty power shows itself chiefly in mercy.

Paul holds up the mind of Christ himself, who emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and became obedient to death, as the pattern for a community that looks not to its own interests but to the interests of others.

Jesus cuts through the religious authorities’ evasions with a parable that stings: It’s the ones who first said “no” but then changed their minds who are entering the kingdom ahead of those who said “yes” and did nothing.

BIRTHDAYS

Martha Linder 9/27	Barbara Hardin 9/29	Scott Dwyer 10/2
Billie Torres 9/27	Dan Odom 9/30	Kay Walker 10/2
Maggie Mariucci 9/27	Gail Borden 10/1	Jackson Horsman 10/2
Frank Foster 9/28	Savannah Cerullo 10/1	Stuart Dow 10/3
Tommy Franks 9/29	Penny Stephens 10/2	Jaxon Penick 10/3

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Louise Fernandez 9/28	Houghton and Tiffany Parry 10/3
Charles Tolman and Ashley Johnson 10/2	

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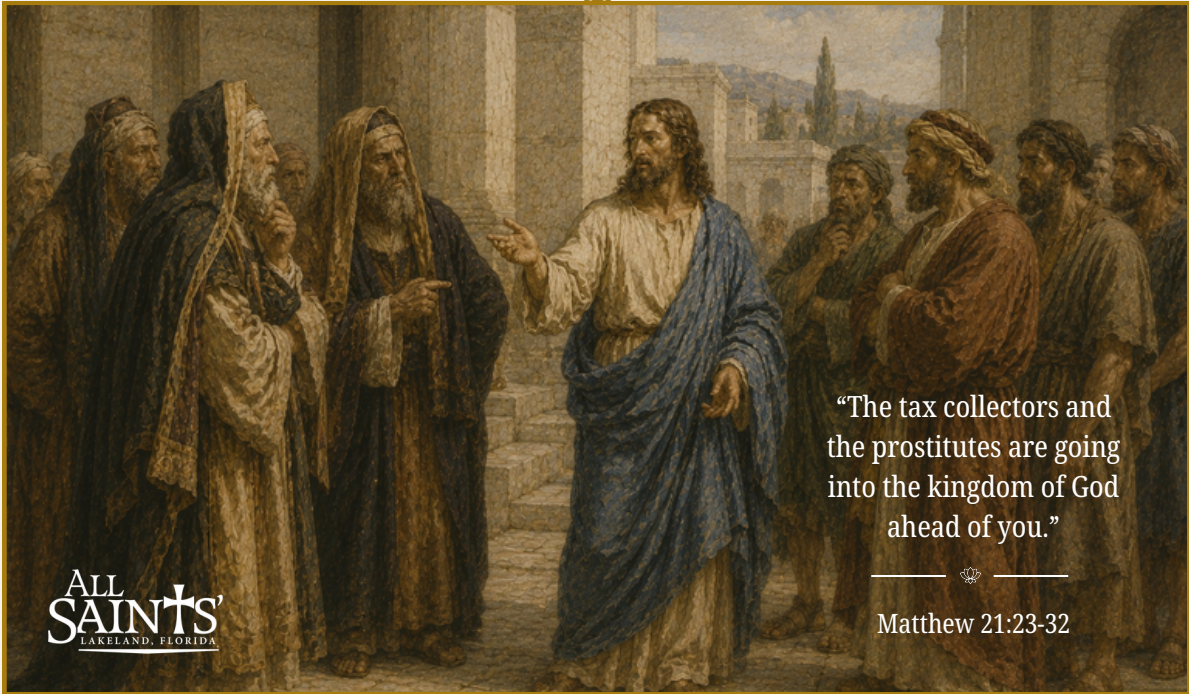


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 21

ORDINARY TIME



“The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”

Matthew 21:23-32

Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 8:50 a.m. Service | September 27, 2026

Pages 355–382 in the Book of Common Prayer

BISHOP Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb RECTOR Rev. Dr. Reid Hensarling DEACONS Rev. Bob Johnson, Rev. Kay Ruhle

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Prelude

435 Processional Hymn: **At the Name of Jesus**

Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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C139 Song of Praise: **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

The Collect of the Day: Proper 21

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The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (Holy Bible, p. 80)

Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16

694

Gloria patri: **Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13 (Holy Bible, p. 1349)

660 Sequence Hymn: **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 (Holy Bible, p. 1137)

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The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form III

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Confession of Sin

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Absolution of Sin

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Exchange of Peace

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Birthdays and Anniversaries, Announcements

Please remain seated while the tithes and offerings are received to support the ministries of All Saints’.

Offertory Sentence: **Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.**
1 Chronicles 29:11

Offertory Anthem: The Servant Song

C597 Presentation Hymn: **Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated**

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

361

Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy...)

Memorial Acclamation (Christ has died...)

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The Lord’s Prayer

Fraction Anthem (Alleluia...)

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All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We offer the host and common cup. We also provide intinction for the host with a designated chalice. A gluten-free host can be provided by request. Please ask a steward to request Holy Communion to be brought to your pew if needed. Those not baptized are welcome to come for a blessing; cross your arms over your chest.

C487 **Room at the Cross for You**

C571 **Trust and Obey**

707 **Take My Life, and Let It Be**

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

473 Recessional Hymn: **Lift High the Cross**

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude