



Proper 26

November 5th 2017

LECTIONARY

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 34:1-10,22

1 I will always give thanks
unto the Lord *

his praise shall ever be in
my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her
boast in the Lord *
the humble shall hear
thereof

3 O praise the Lord with
me *

and let us magnify his
Name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he
heard me *

yea he delivered me out of
all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto
him and were lightened *
and their faces were not
ashamed.

6 Lo the poor crieth and
the Lord heareth him *
yea and saveth him out of

all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord
tarrieth round about
them *

that fear him and deliver-
eth them.

8 O taste and see how gra-
cious the Lord is *

blessed is the man that
trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord ye that
are his saints *

for they that fear him lack
nothing.

10 The lions do lack and
suffer hunger *

but they who seek the
Lord shall want no manner
of thing that is good.

22 The Lord delivereth the
souls of his servants *

and all they that put their
trust in him shall not be
destitute.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

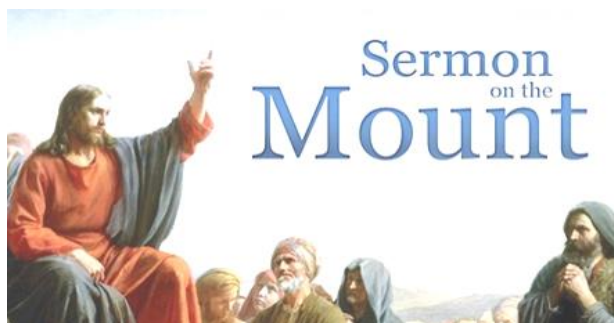
Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: "*Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices*" #275

Officiant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Officiant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Prayers of the People

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In the Anglican Cycle of prayer:

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially for Toungoo in (Myanmar);

In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer:

We pray for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona especially St. Andrew's of Tucson;

Prayers For the Parish

Teach us good lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to work and not seek for rest; to labor and not ask to any reward. Except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

Transitioning New Life at St. Stephen's

Holy God, make us Holy. Revealing God, make us see. Sending God, make us move. Loving God, make us Love. **AMEN**

