

Proper 29, Year A – Track 2

The Collect:

Rite I:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rite II:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

- ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- ³ For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he

raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all
things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he
will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the
left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you
gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw
you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And
when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’
⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to
those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you
did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care
of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into
eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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