

## **Pentecost 17A**

October 1, 2017

### **Other Readings**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

### **Readings for study**

#### **Philippians 2:1-13**

*Before: Live your lives in a manner worthy of the Gospel*

- Encouragement in Christ
  - Same word that Jesus uses for the Holy Spirit in John (paraclete)
- Consolation of Love
  - Love provides relief from burdens
- Sharing in the Spirit
  - Literally “Fellowship of the spirit”
- Any compassion and sympathy
  - Tender affection – compassion
  - All of these things together are a grand appeal to focus on and do what is important
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit
- In humility regard others as better than yourselves
- Look not to your own interest, but to the interests of others
- 2:6-11
  - Early Christian hymn that Paul is quoting
- The name that is above every name
  - LORD, rather than “Jesus” – later will say that Jesus = Lord
- Every knee should bend/every tongue should confess
- Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling
  - Do the things entrusted to you by salvation rather than “earn your salvation by work”
- Will and work for God’s pleasure

*After: Do all these things without arguing or complaining*

#### **Matthew 21:23-32**

*Before: Jesus curses the fig tree*

- Chief Priests and elders
  - A clueless audience who will need to be retold the same thing over and over
- By what authority?
  - Authority, again is a big issue in Matthew
- Who gave it to you
- The baptism of John
- “we do not know”
- Two sons
- I will not – changed his mind
- I go, but he did not
- Tax collectors and the prostitutes
  - Note that he did not say that the chief priests and elders aren’t getting in, just that they get in later

*After: Parable of the wicked tenants (who kill the son)*