

THE FIRST READING: The Book of Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus...

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

All respond **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: 'The First Letter of Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy...

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All respond **Thanks be to God.**

LA DEUXIÈME LECTURE : 1 Timothée 1 :12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy...

Je remercie Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur qui m'a donné la force nécessaire pour ma tâche. Je le remercie de m'avoir estimé digne de confiance en me prenant à son service, bien que j'aie dit du mal de lui autrefois, que je l'aie persécuté et insulté. Mais Dieu a eu pitié de moi, parce que j'étais privé de la foi et ne savais donc pas ce que je faisais. Notre Seigneur a répandu avec abondance sa grâce sur moi, il m'a accordé la foi et l'amour qui viennent de la communion avec Jésus-Christ. Voici une parole certaine, digne d'être accueillie par tous : Jésus-Christ est venu dans le monde pour sauver les pécheurs. Je suis le pire d'entre eux, mais c'est pour cela que Dieu a eu pitié de moi : il a voulu que Jésus-Christ démontre en moi, le pire des pécheurs, toute sa patience comme exemple pour ceux qui, dans l'avenir, croiront en lui et recevront la vie éternelle. Au Roi éternel, immortel, invisible et seul Dieu, soient honneur et gloire pour toujours ! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All respond **Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Adapted by Dean Laird from "Patterns for Worship", Church House Publishing, 1995.)

Intercessor We pray for God's love to be known in our world, saying:
loving God,

***People* Make us channels of your love.**

In a world of change and hope, of fear and adventure; loving
God,

Make us channels of your peace.

In human rebellion and obedience, in our seeking and our
finding; loving God,

Make us channels of your faithfulness.

In the common life of our society, in prosperity and need;
loving God,

Make us channels of your abundance.

In our homes and among our friends; loving God,

Make us channels of your grace.

In our times of joy, in our days of sorrow; loving God,

Make us channels of your hope.

In our strengths and triumphs, in our weakness and at our
death; loving God,

**Make us channels of your healing and transforming
power.**

In your saints in glory, and on the day of Christ's coming;
loving God,

Bring us into the joy of your eternal love.

Celebrant Be in our midst today, loving God, and fill us with your
Spirit. As we remember the September 11th attacks, comfort
us and inspire us to work for justice and peace. Bless the

mission and ministry of this Cathedral, all who come
through our doors, and our Friends* in other countries,
especially Cecile and Richard, James and Cathy, and Lansing.
Pour out your healing power on those who are ill or in need.

Silence as we bring our own petitions and thanksgivings before God.

Celebrant In the name of Christ
People Amen.