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***Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 18, 1st October 2023***

***Presenter: Rev Alan Robinson***

***Focus Reading:*** Matthew 21:23-32, Philippians 2:1-13

***Message*** 8 minutes 52 seconds

***“The Two Sons”***

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** When you were a child what chores did you do at home? Which chores did you do cheerfully and right away, and which ones often caused you to procrastinate?
- 2** What were the important truths you received from this message today?
- 3** Which son’s story is most like your own story of coming to faith?
- 4** Think of some of the people you know who may not profess faith in Christ but who love and serve others in Christlike ways? How might your words and actions support them and share the gospel with them?

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Exodus 17:1-7** God’s people complain to God yet again because of their thirst in the wilderness. God pours forth water from a rock and sustains them, even in battle, through promise given in Moses’ staff.

**Psalms 78:1-4,12-16** The psalmist reminds the people of God’s ancient deeds. God brings water from the rock.

**Philippians 2:1-13** Paul wants the Philippians to demonstrate the power of the gospel among them. Christ poured himself out for humanity, therefore we should discern the work of God, who enables us “to want and actually live out his good purposes” (v13).

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**All Age Message: Rev Alan Robinson**

***“The Servant King”***

***Length*** 3 minutes 15 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Worldly Kings and Queens live a very different life to King Jesus -he put aside his power to be a servant. The only crown he wore was a Crown of Thorns. Choosing to be a servant you would shadow the servanthood of Jesus.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 78: 1-4,12-16 page 304**

## **Rev Alan Robinson**

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