

GOOD SHEPHERD
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost



Liturgical Participants
for October 18, 2020

Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, *Celebrant/Preacher*
Pat Wiennenman, *Lector*
Bobbi Reese, Connor Donnelly, *Musicians*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 96:1-13 *(Read by all.)*

**Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**

**Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

**Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.**

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

**As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

**Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

**Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

People: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People may kneel or stand.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united
in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the
world.
Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the
common good.
Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we
may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor
and glory.
Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we
may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give
them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of
your salvation.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Brief silence. The People may kneel or stand.

All: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Without physical contact, the Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

MUSIC

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

*In the Episcopal Church, all Baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive Communion. **Out of concern for safety, we will receive the bread only in individually wrapped (gluten free) wafers.** Please come forward one person at a time, waiting until the person before you has taken their seat. If you are not baptized or do not want to receive communion you are invited to come up for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

MUSIC

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

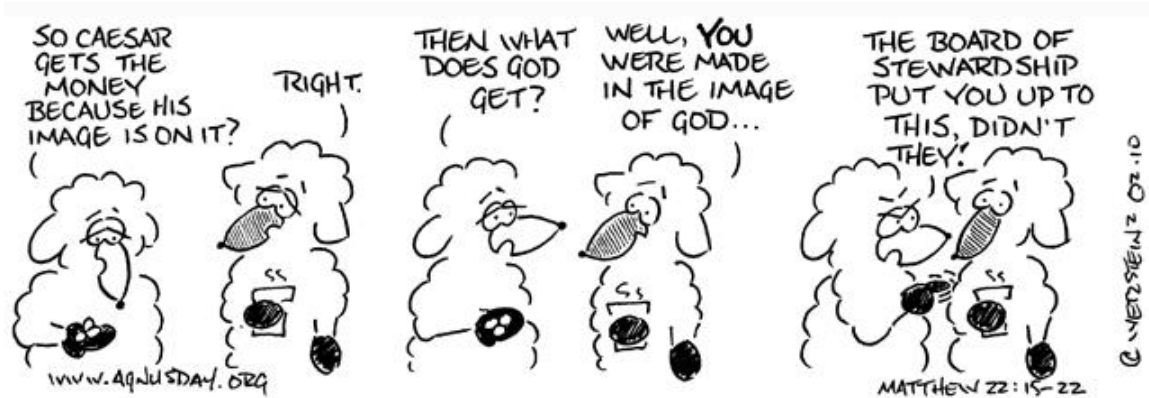
The people may kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL



IN OUR PRAYERS

Callie Murphy, Lindsay Lococo, Barbara Gray, Margie Davis, Bobbee Ross, Velma Edington, Gloria Wilson, Eva Pearl, Caroline Gilje, Jo Ann Mahan, Rick and Lisa Thorpe, and the Deaconess Anne House, and Michaelene, their director

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