



# CHRIST CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

EPISCOPAL PARISH AND SCHOOL, PARADISE VALLEY

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KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Evening Prayer, Year A*

**18 October, 2020**

**Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am**

**Prelude** I want Jesus to walk with me                      Traditional Spiritual

**Hymn**    **O God of earth and altar**    **Hymnal 591**

## **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant* In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*- Isaiah 40:3*

*All*                      **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, open our lips.

*All*                      **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**The Gloria**    **Hymnal S280**

**Psalm 99**    *Dominus regnavit*    **BCP p. 728**

## The First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

*Reader* A reading from the Book of **Exodus**.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading

## Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Reader* A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us 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 Prayers**

*Celebrant*    **Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;**

*All*        **That we all may be one.**

**We remember today The Episcopal Church and  
the Most Reverend Michael Curry, the Presiding  
Bishop of The Episcopal Church. From our  
diocese we also remember Grace Church in Lake  
Havasu.**

*Celebrant*    **Grant that every member of the Church may truly  
and humbly serve you;**

*All*        **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Celebrant* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*All* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

**We remember the Archbishop Justin of Canterbury, Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Bishop Jennifer, as well as the clergy of our diocese and parish.**

*Celebrant* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*All* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

**We remember those holding and running for elected office during this election season, and those citizens who are charged with the responsibility of governance through voting.**

*Celebrant* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*All* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

**We remember our vestry, committees, and guilds of Christ Church and all who serve actively in ministry.**

*Celebrant* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*All* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*All*           **This week we remember Doris I., Gayle S., Norma S., Pat T., Peggy C., Roger P., Tom C., the Baehr family, and the Bradley family from our parish prayer list.**

*Celebrant*   Give to the departed eternal rest;

*All*           **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**This week we remember all those from our parish who are now in your presence, especially Donald.**

*Celebrant*   We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*All*           **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**This week we celebrate the lives of Saint Luke the Evangelist, Henry Martyn, William Carey, Saint James of Jerusalem, and Hiram Hisanori Kano.**

*Celebrant*   Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*   Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All*           **Amen.**

## **Announcements**



*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*All* Amen.

**Hymn** All people that on earth do dwell (stanzas 1-4)  
Hymnal 377