

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Year A

18 October, 2020

10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II, Year A

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Please stand.

Celebrant

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

All

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

All

Amen.

The Gloria

All

**Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Collect

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. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The Old Testament

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.**

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit* (read responsively)

Reader The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
All **he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

Reader
All

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Epistle

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
All

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel *Please stand.*

Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**
All **Glory be 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 Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

All **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 was made man.**

All

**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 and the Son.
with the father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Reader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All

That we all may be one.

Reader

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.

Reader

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

All

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader

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

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.

Reader

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.

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

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

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

Reader 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.

All Give to the departed eternal rest; especially
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

All We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace *Please remain standing.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

The celebrant and people bow to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer B *Please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Sanctus

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.**

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand.

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

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

10:30 am

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| Preacher/Celebrant | The Very Reverend Daniel P. Richards |
| Subdeacon | Erin Cox Oney |
| Reader | John Walters |
| Prayers of the People | Jerelyn Walters |
| Ushers | Ed Dietrich, Tony Madden, Rod Potter |
| Altar Guild | Patty LeBlanc |
| Music | Joel Morehouse |

6:00 pm

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| Preacher/Celebrant | The Very Reverend Daniel P. Richards |
| Reader/Prayers of the People | Gloria Swaine |
| Ushers | Leon Artac, Keith Costello, Mark Hawkins |
| Altar Guild | Cathie Galloway |

