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**KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year B*

**10 October, 2021**

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

**Prelude** Will you come and follow me John L. Bell

*Celebrant* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. – *Psalm 19:14*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, open our lips.

*All* **And our mouth 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*All* **Come let us adore him.**

**Psalm 22:1-15** *Deus, Deus meus*

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*Reader* A reading from The Book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The Word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Acclamation** Alleluia

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

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

*Celebrant* As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

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*Celebrant* Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Perry M. Pauley**

## The Apostles' Creed

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*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.

## The Lord's Prayer

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*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 of the People

*Celebrant* Christ challenges our comforts and complacencies. Let us turn to him in our need, asking for God's intervention in our world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Reader* For the victims of war, conflict, and violence throughout the world, that they might encounter justice and peace, participating in the reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For churches and their leaders, that the dominion of God might be proclaimed in action as well as in word, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For the lost, the lonely, the isolated, and the ill, especially Tom C., Sylvia M., Dave P., Bishop Reddall, Brian R., Jerree S., Tom T., Lyndsay W., the Leonard family, the Schmit family, and the Young family, that they might receive blessings a hundredfold, leading to eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For this community gathered in prayer, that we might gain riches by giving ours to others, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For Christian communities, that the struggle to follow Christ will lead to life eternal, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For all who have died, especially Charlotte L., Bonnie S., and The Rev. Bill Y., that they may find peace in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Celebrant* God, source of life and fountain of mercy, all things are possible with you. Grant us a share in your eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* O God, our heavenly father, who raised up your faithful servant Bill, to be a pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Into your hands, O merciful savior, we commend your servant William. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in the light. **Amen.**

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## **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. **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** O Master, let me walk with thee

**Hymnal 660**

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