

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2020 ♦ 9:00 am



GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Generous and faithful God,
 C we confess to you all the ways,
 known and unknown,
 that we reject and undermine your steadfast love for us.
 Though you made us your people, we treat others with contempt.
 Though you forgave our debts, we are quick to pass judgment on others.
 Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
 Through the living Word, † Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin,
 and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN “O God, Beyond All Praising” stanza I (sung by Cantor; **All sing the last two lines**)

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:

ALL SING: we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 A And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” (Cantor sings verses: **ALL SING REFRAIN**)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

A **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.**

Created by you, let us live in your image;

created for you, let us live for your glory;

redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 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:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I 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.

⁴For 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.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so 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.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 10:1-10

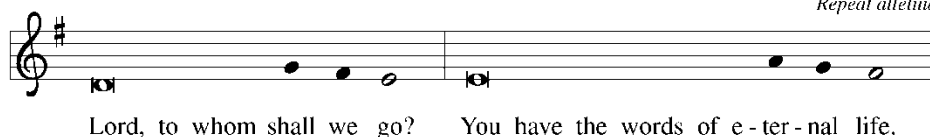
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and labor
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And 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, ⁷so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom
he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from
the wrath that is coming.

ALLELUIA VERSE (sung by ALL)



Repeat alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

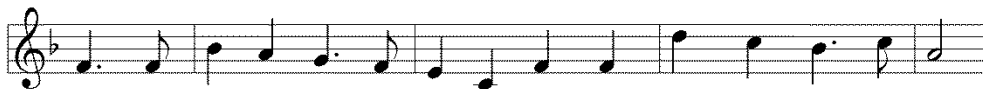
¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting

me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (sung by cantor)



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, b. 1915

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

All We praise you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All We thank you, O God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Remembering his love for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All sing:



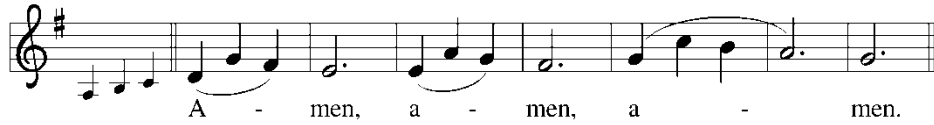
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

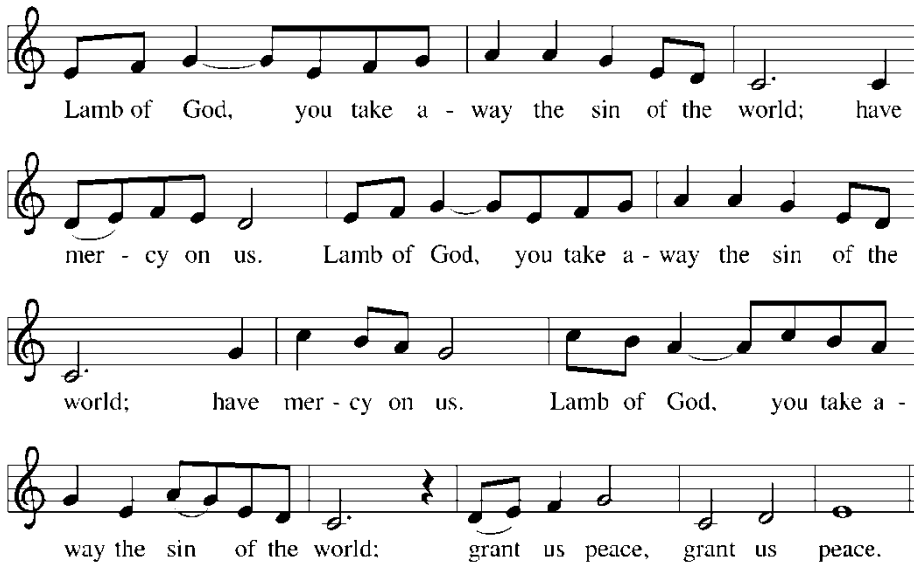
All sing:



LORD'S PRAYER

AI 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, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI (sung by ALL)



EATING AND DRINKING

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy and compassionate God,

C in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

BLESSING

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

☑ **Amen**

- ☐ Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Lord Be Glorified” (Cantor sings verse 1-2; **ALL sing verse 3**)



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
2 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in my song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings. You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.



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that lead
to **JESUS**

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Live in-person at church and also live-streaming

YOUTH NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY!

Wear red if you like!

And ...
IT IS OUR CHARTER SUNDAY
Our congregation was formed 16 years ago on October 31, 2004

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