

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24



A Pre-election Prayer

O God, as we approach our November election, so many find ourselves increasingly gripped by fear, distrust and anger. We ask you to help heal our nation from its dangerous divide. We pray that you give us the clarity to see that your Truth manifests in many forms. We pray that you remind us that we are called to love one another, as we are each made in Your image. Guide us in creating an environment of honor and hope, even when – and especially when, we don't see life through the same eyes. Lighten the burdens that have been placed upon us so that we may be bearers of Your light. Bless us with the wholeness of health, the sweetness of faith, the richness of wisdom and the calming coolness of your peace and mercy.

Sunday, Oct 18, 2020

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 377 All People That on Earth do Dwell

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All 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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 FIRST READING

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96: 1-9

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.

THE SECOND READING

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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15-22

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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.
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

Intercessor In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Douglas our Bishop. For God’s church and people throughout the world. In our Cathedral Prayer Cycle, we pray for the Cathedral Church of St. Like, Orlando, FL. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Good Shepard Episcopal/ Grace Lutheran, West Springfield. For Church Without Walls, and that our churches and members continue to find Christ as we live in this new reality. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For racial justice. For those killed at the hands of those who should protect us. For Police and First Responders everywhere. For unity and understanding across differences and an end to our divisions. That we may know our common unity in the God who made us. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who have died from Covid-19 and those who cared for and loved them. For the dearly departed we hold in the sanctuaries of our hearts, and all those in the History of Christ Church Cathedral who died the week of October 18th: Rolland Judd, Earle Conway, Agnes Johnson, Martha Whitney, Dorothy Arnold, Rosalie Hart, Mrs. Harcourt Bull, Royal Syner Jr., Audrey Summer, Grace Chapin, Johnny Pacheo, and Malda LaRoche. That they may rest in Your peace and rise in Your glory. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For compassionate and wise leadership from Donald our President, Charlie our Governor, and Domenic our Mayor. That they may lead us from strength to strength in guiding a land where all can succeed. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those affected by Covid-19. For those who have lost work and those struggling financially, that divine protection will be upon them. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

The service today is offered to the glory of God, in Loving Memory of Joan & Ted Barten, and Michael Henry. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Yolanda Hernandez, Jerry True, JoAnn Greene, Barbara Verdejo, and Omar DeLeon. We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Juan & Yhidda Ocasio. We pray for Maxisole, the student the Cathedral supports in South Africa.

And for all who have entrusted themselves to our prayers, especially those on the Cathedral Prayer List [<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v1GSEAN4IHOPaGIBL5XcLDzjZZ-KLmRr6Ff9qwOukMQ/edit?usp=sharing>]

Let us pray:

Christ have mercy.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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.
All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Offertory the altar is prepared.

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 412 Earth and All Stars



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC FORM 1 (BCP 402)

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life

And, so, we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

THE SANCTUS S125 *Richard Proulx*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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.

All And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 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.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INVITATION TO THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our own church community, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.**

**I unite myself with you and embrace you
with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.**

**Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
People Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.
All: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE RECESSION HYMN No. 596 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christi. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fantasie in C Major G.F. Handel

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Gathered by God from many cultures
Transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ
Sent out empowered by the Holy Spirit

Participants in today’s service

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| <i>Preacher</i> | Jac Essing |
| <i>Deacon</i> | The Reverend Linda Taupier |
| <i>Deacon Intern</i> | Jac Essing |
| <i>Organist</i> | Todd Beckham |
| <i>Lector</i> | Mark Giddings |
| <i>Acolyte</i> | Maame Asante |
| <i>Usher</i> | Angelika Melien |
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