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St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 18, 2020 Morning Prayer

☩ *During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.*

☩ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*

☩ *Before the service, the Officiant may make announcements.*

A bell is rung and a brief musical prelude follows.

The Officiant begins with an Opening Sentence:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

Then all say together,

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,

and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Officiant says,

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.

Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant says,

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

We sing the invitatory psalm. Please sing boldly at home.

1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sav - ior bless;
2 God cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of earth;
3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly Son,

with - in the tem - ple bring your songs of thank - ful - ness!
God made the sea and land, and brought the world to birth!
your voice in hom - age raise to God who makes all one!

O God of might, to you we sing, en - throned as King on heav - en's height!
O God most high, we are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!
O Dove of peace, on us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

Words James Quinn (1919-2010), alt. paraphrase of Psalm 95, *Venite, exultemus Domino*

Music DARWALL'S 148TH, melody and bass by John Darwall (1731-1789), har. W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

Stewardship Moment: Betsy Beaulieu

We chant Psalm 96:



Sing to the Lord a *new song*; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole *earth*.
Sing to the Lord and bless his *Name*; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to *day*.

Declare his glory among the *nations* *
and his wonders among all *peoples*.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be *praised*; *
he is more to be feared than all *gods*.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but *idols*; *
but it is the Lord who made the *heavens*.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his *presence*! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his *sanctuary*!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the *peoples*; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and *power*.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his *Name*; *
bring offerings and come into his *courts*.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of *holiness*; *
let the whole earth tremble before *him*.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is *King*!" *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with *equity*."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is *in it*; *
let the field be joyful and all that *is therein*.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he *comes*, *
when he comes to judge the *earth*.

Repeat second half of chant

He will judge the world with *righteousness* *
and the peoples with his *truth*.

Setting Jerome W. Meachen (1930-2015)

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

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.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Here ends the reading.

We sing a setting of Canticle A, A Song of Wisdom:

Cantor *All*

1 Wisdom freed from a nation of op - pressors a holy people and a blame-less race;

2 She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, withstood dread rulers with won - ders and signs.

3 To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, and led them by a mar - v'lous way;

4 She was their shelter by day and a blaze of stars by night.

5 She brought them across the Red Sea, she led them through might-y wa - ters;

6 But their enemies she swallowed in the waves and spewed them out from the depths of the a - byss.

7 And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, and praised with one voice your pro-tect-ing hand;

8 For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Setting Dent Davidson (b. 1960)

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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. *Matthew 22:15-22*

Here ends the reading.

We sing a metrical setting of Canticle 21, Te Deum laudamus:

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Words Paraphrase of *Te Deum*, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900)
Music GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; har. C. W. Douglas (1867-1944), after C.Kocher (1786-1872)

We affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

**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.

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
**hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Help us, O God our Savior;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to
guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we
may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross
that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace:

So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

We sing a hymn. Please sing boldly at home.

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of
les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less
sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words Charles Wesley (1707-1788) • Music HEREFORD Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Homily *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

The Officiant invites the People into a time of stillness for free prayer. Prayers may be offered silently, aloud at home, or using Zoom's chat feature.

The prayers conclude with A Prayer of Thanksgiving. Please join in at home.

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world,
for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for
ever and ever; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

A brief closing voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.

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Readers Chuck Bongiorno, Emiry Potter