TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 18, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION Matthew 28:19, 1 John 1:8-9

In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FORGIVENESS John 20:22-23

PSALM 96:1-13



The refrain is sung at the direction of the cantor.

Cantor's verses:

Sing to the Lord a new song of praise, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing of salvation every day of your life, sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Tell of God's glory to all the world, tell of his wonderful deeds. For great is the Lord who made heaven and earth, worship him above all others.

Joy fills the heavens, the earth rejoices, the sea and its creatures roar! All the trees of the forest and the fields of the earth sing for joy, the Lord is coming.

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:13

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

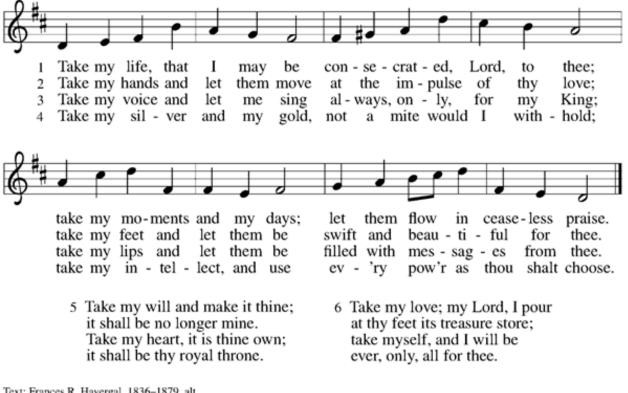
Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON





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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

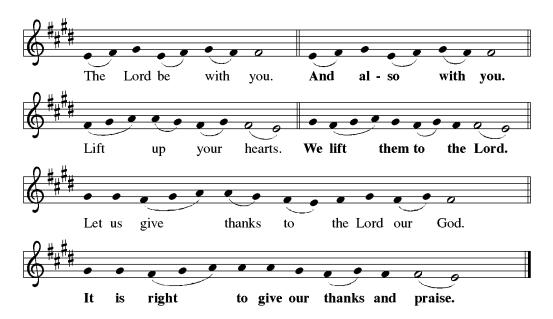
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

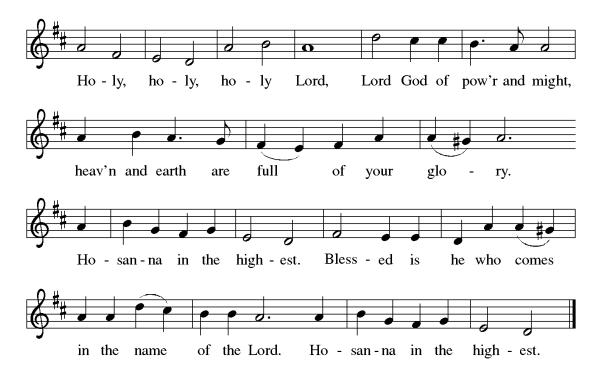
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

PRAYER FOR USE BY THOSE NOT JOINING US IN PERSON

The following is adapted from an ancient prayer now in wide use in Lutheran, Episcopal, and Anglican congregations during this time when many are unable to be present to receive the Lord's Supper. Those joining us online are invited to use this prayer at this point in the liturgy. Please know that Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring you the sacrament. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the church office. The Lord's Supper is also being distributed at our 10:30 drive-in service in a low-contact manner.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where your Holy Supper is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:22-27

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

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