

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Prelude: “Praise and Thanksgiving” - *arr. Johannes Matthias Michel*

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn: “Give praise and glory unto God” **Hymn #375**

1. Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing; His mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness confessing. With balm my inmost heart he fills, his comfort all my anguish stills. To God be praise and glory
2. The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions; And mortals then, on land and sea, beneath thy shadowing pinions, Exult in thy creative might that doeth all things well and right. To God be praise and glory.

Welcome and Announcements:

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*

Officiant and People *(all kneeling)*

**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**

Officiant: 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. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come let us sing to the Lord;*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed, Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,*
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;*
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus (Reader 1)

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

10 The Second Song of Isaiah (Reader 1)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (Reader 2)

Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle #13 S236:

“A Song of Praise”

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| 1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you. | 2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we
will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. |
| 3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. | 4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. |
| 5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault
of heaven, glory to you | 6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will
praise you and highly exalt you for ever. |

A Reading from Matthew 22:34-46 (Officiant)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

Meditation:

“Be Glad Now”

- *Pachelbel*

Be glad now, all ye christen men, and let us rejoice unfaynedly;
The kyndnesse cannot be written with penne that we have received of God’s mercy,
Whose love towards us hath never ende:
He hath done for us as a frende; now let us thank him hartely.

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People (*stand as you are able*)

**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 (*stand or kneel*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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,
for ever and ever. Amen

Suffrages A: (*two readers alternate with V & R*)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth.
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: (*Officiant*)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays (*Officiant*)

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For an Election (*Officiant*)

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission (*Officiant*)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*Officiant*)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist 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.**

Today we especially remember those celebrating birthdays; **Susan Gillespie** (10/25); **Tony Cameron** (10/27); **Kevin Gayden** (10/27); **Lee Joesten** (10/27); **Sally Goddard** (10/28); **Katherine Fillmore** (10/29); **Dan Hoffman** (10/29); **Delbert Brown** (10/30); **Travis Castrey** (10/30) and those celebrating anniversaries, especially **Phil & Diane Wing** (10/30). For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dale, Ellen, James, Jayson, John, Mary, Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam, Walt and for our families, friends, and neighbors. For all who have died, especially David and Zylphia.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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 the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such and 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 ourselves to your service,
and 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

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Officiant: 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. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Recessional Hymn

“Rise up, ye saints of God!”

Hymn #551

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| 1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings. | 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong. |
| 3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God! | |

Postlude:

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” - *arr. Johannes Matthias Michel*

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. The office is open.

Zoom Meeting Invitation: Virtual Happy Hour, Thursday, October 29, 5 - 6:30 pm

Blessing of the Pets: Sunday, October 25, at noon Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775>

All Saints' Sunday: If you would like to have someone remembered for All Saints' Sunday, please email the office. Also there will be a service broadcast from the National Cathedral Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a live-streamed prayer service All Saints **Sunday, November 1, at 4:00-5:30 p.m. EST.** In the midst of pandemic, racial reckoning, and a historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor.

Aspire Presents: Join us on **Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 P.M.** for the third program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the third of the series that will highlight – Thomas Cranmer and George Herbert and will be presented by Trish Rooney. Go to EmmanuelRockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Calling all Crafters: We are asking that those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make These scarves available to Jubilee Center clients on Sunday, December 6. Donations should be completed by the Monday after Thanksgiving; November 30.

Early voting at Emmanuel will continue: Today Sunday, October 25 – Monday, November 2.

Voting hours will be from 8:30a - 7:00p - Monday thru Friday.

*** Saturday and Sunday, October 25, 31, and November 1 from 9:00a – 5:00p.**

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. **Reader #1:** Jennifer Smith
 Reader #2: Michael Smith
 Vocalists: Rachel Schmitt and Jennifer Smith

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