

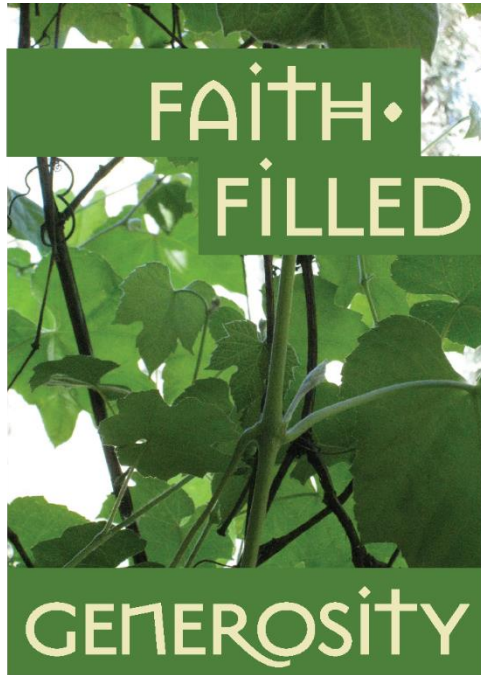


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

October 24-25, 2020



When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit (Jesus) with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!



Ushers can provide an audio receiver with adjustable volume to enhance your hearing of the service. Please, return them to the usher's table after the service.

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, **observe a sacred silence** to prepare yourself to the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same. You may want to use the following prayer...

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

Prelude

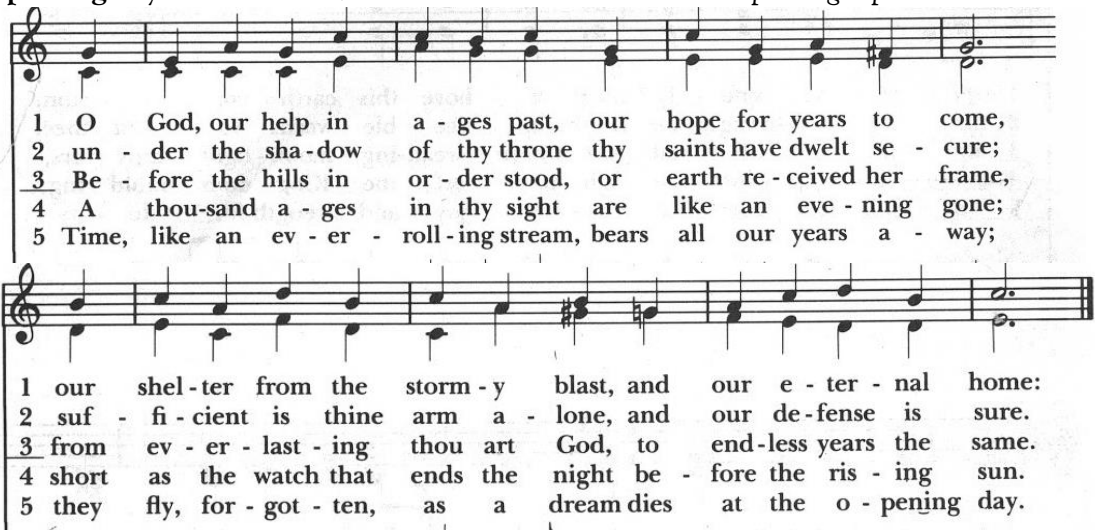
Lydian Prelude

Flor Peeters

The Word of God

Opening Hymn 680 vs. 1-3-5

O God our help in ages past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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.*

Glory to God

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

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

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.*

The First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

A Reading from the book of Leviticus

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak 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. ¹⁵You 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

¹Happy 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!

²*Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.*

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴*It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶*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 Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

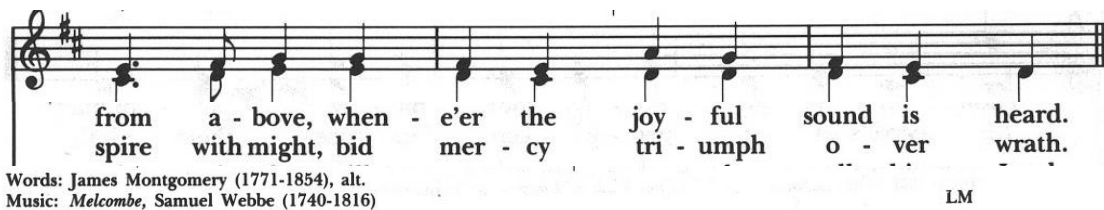
¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but 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. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 531 vs. 2

O Spirit of the living God

2 Give tongues of fire at thy hearts of love, to
3 Be dark - ness, fire at thy com - ing, light; con -
preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -



The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?” ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

(10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 531 vs. 3

O Spirit of the living God (See page 3)

Sermon

The Rev. Keehna Sture

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

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity and truth so to transform our communities and our world, O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity always guide us.*

For our President and our Governor, and the leaders of all nations, O Lord, *May your Faith Filled Generosity give them compassion and good judgment and guide them in the ways of justice and peace.*

For all who hold authority in your Church, that they may know you and humbly teach of your generous ways, O Lord, *May your Faith Filled Spirit inspire them with generosity and creativity. Renew their energy and fill them with your wisdom and love.*

For blessings on all of our human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation, O Lord, *May your Spirit of generosity guide us in freeing your world from poverty, famine and oppression.*

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our prayers lists and for those we now name silently or aloud..(silence)...O Lord, *May your Generous and Healing Spirit bring hope to all who suffer.*

We give thanks to the Lord for the birthdays of Chris, Jim, Eileen, Sandy, Bruce, Frances, Vie, Art, and Tani and for the anniversaries of Jack & Reeni and Steve & Gayle, O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity fill them and guide them to be bearers of your love.*

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, and for those we now name silently or aloud...(silence)...O Lord, *May your Spirit of Generosity shine perpetual light on all the saints who have gone before us.*

Celebrant: Oh God, in your infinite generosity you have created a world with resources to sustain all of your children. Guide us into a relationship with our work, our treasure and our generosity. Transform us to humbly receive and joyfully share your bounty with others.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewardship Talk

Larry Neece

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Together, we pray: *Heavenly Father, Help us to always place you our loving Creator, first in our lives by praying and worshiping together. Prayer puts us in relationship*

with each other and with prayer, we learn our neighbors' joys and concerns. We learn who we can be together. Amen.

(5:30 pm) All things come to thee, O Lord, *and from your own are we given Thee.*

(8:00 & 10:00 am) The Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) on three staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first staff, and so on. The lyrics are: "3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who are baptized are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10 am) 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.

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Anthem

The Prayer

David Foster

Ervie Isom & Rick Jordan, Tenor Duet

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Voluntary

George Frideric Handel

You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist or quietly leave the sanctuary.

People may leave after dismissal but Ushers please do not start escorting people out until after the Postlude.

Please observe social distancing when leaving the worship space.

Thank You

Flower Donation *Carol Sweeden In honor of her daughter Jessica's birthday*

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays

October 27: Eileen Klein, Sandy Caton, Bruce Lequesne, Frances Pruitt

October 28: Vie Villemure

October 31 Art Villemure, Tani Hendrickson

Anniversaries:

October 25: Jack and Reeni Knudson

October 27 Steve & Gayle Jarpe

For Those In Need We Pray:

Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Alicia; Alex; Sharon, Dave & Nancy C.; Larie & Wife; Carol; Darrell C.;
Dominica Coppola& Marty Dane; Max J.; Carol Glover; Gil & Cheri Lattimer's mother & Good
Samaritan Staff; Cathy Hoaglund; Gary & Kathy MacCauley; Robert McCaulley; Jean Messick; Etta
Parson; Linda Schwab; Sue; Ileen Szelka; Mark Tuttle; Patty; Ron Miller; Beth Wingate; Kate Carroll;
Carl Dekemper; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Cathie Carter; Rich Staudt; Steven;
Glenn J.; Joan Hedger; Erni Frazier; Ruth Visclo, Vicki Casacchia; Ian Snider; Jerri Wheeler; Joe &
Linda, Scott Menke

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante, Florian

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Church in Wales

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Transfiguration, Mesa

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Warm for Winter, Highway Clean-Up, Quad City
Interfaith Council

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For our new companion diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

*We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai-Apache nation, the traditional custodians of the land we
stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region.* Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention