

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Robert Gross
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: Music by Philip Springer

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal #410

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith-ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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.

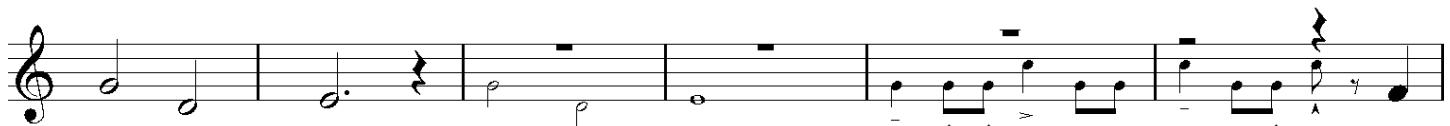
Gloria:

Hymnal #278

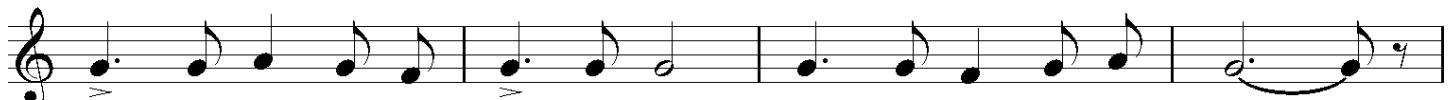
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



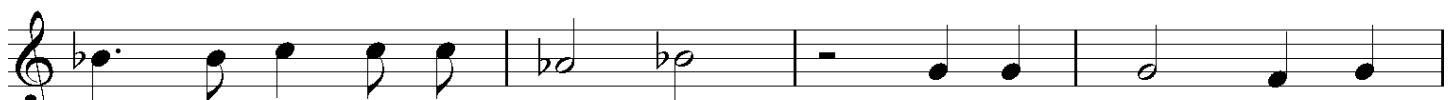
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

**5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.**

**6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

**7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

The Epistle: 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.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: "Show Me Your Way" Words & music by Russell Fragar

6 Show me Your way that I may walk with You. Show me your

way, I put my hope in You. The

10 cry of my heart is to love you more. To live with the touch of your hand. Strong-er each

14 day, Show me your way.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon:

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer

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.

Song: "What A Wonderful World"

Words & music by George David Weiss & Bob Thiele

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Diocesan Adult Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic and St. Paul's in Arapahoe. I ask your prayers for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; we pray especially for Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for Terry and Sharon, Kenner, Ray, Michael, Lucy, Jim, Betty, Albert, Richard, Douglas, Corrine, Alyxandra, Erin and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) We pray for those dealing with natural disasters, especially those in the paths of hurricanes and fires. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

**I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Bruce.
Pray for those who have died.**

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Beth, Joe, Daja, Don, Genevieve, Adrian and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Samuel and Ryan, Raymond and Jan, Dan and Dana. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Ortman, O'Shea, Peeler, Pettiford and two Pierce families. Please add any additional thanksgivings.

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask you prayers for everyone affected by Covid 19. We pray for all healthcare and essential workers. We pray especially for our youth, college students, and teachers returning to school settings.

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

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.*

The priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal #594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king-dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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 Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

Dismissal

Postlude: "Grand Jeu"

Nicholas De Grigny

Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal bass; Darren Pettit – tenor sax; Joey Gulizia – drums; Susie Thorne -- vocals.

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Vision Statement
***We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....
Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting***

**The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker-----Bishop, Diocese of Nebraska
The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector
The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest**