



**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
The Celebration of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 18, 2020 (9:00 am)
Presider: The Rev. Robert Gross**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Opening Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of heaven
Sung by a soloist**

Hymnal #410

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Presider: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Presider: Lord have mercy

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

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.

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

Song: "What A Wonderful World"

Joey Gulizia – steel drums

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.**

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).
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 Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Presider and People:

**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.

The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Presider and People: Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says:

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.

Communion All who call upon Jesus as their Savior are welcome to partake. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

**Communion: "Rest" Words & music by Matt Maher & Thadd Cockrell
Sung by a soloist.**

**Oh my Lord
You are my Shepherd and I shall not want
Oh my Lord
Beside still waters You repair my heart
I trust in You oh I trust in You**

**Even though I walk through the valley of death
You restore my soul and You give me rest
Oh the memories of Your faithfulness
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You give me rest
I will fear no evil for You're here with me
Your goodness and Your love
They will never leave
Just a closer walk with Thee just a closer walk**

After Communion, the Presider says: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

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

Blessing

**Closing Hymn: God of grace and God of glory
Sung by a soloist**

Hymnal #594

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musicians today are: Dan Cerveny – keyboard; Joey Gulizia - cajon; Loree MacNeill - vocals

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***We are a Christ-centered community,
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The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector

The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest

