

# The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns.  
You are invited to participate however you wish.

## Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

### Prelude

#### Processional Hymn 423 (vs. 1&4)

**1** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name  
we praise.

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**4** Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

*Presider* † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
- Philippians 1:2

#### Confession of Sin

BCP 79

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People together*

**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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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

BCP 80

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

*Presider and People*

**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 hand 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 hearken to his voice!**

## The First Lesson

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.

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

## The Response

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Psalm 1

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!

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

3 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.

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

5 Therefore 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.

## The Second Lesson

1 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 517 (Vs. 1&4)

*How lovely is thy dwelling-place*

1 How lovely is thy dwelling-place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me!  
My thirsty soul desires and longs  
within thy courts to be;  
my very heart and flesh cry out,  
O living God, for thee.

4 One day within thy courts excels  
a thousand spent away;  
how happy they who keep thy laws  
nor from thy precepts stray,  
for thou shalt surely bless all those  
who live they words they pray.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

## The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

## The Prayers

### Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

## The Collect of the Day

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.*

## Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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 is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Presider 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 for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an 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 our selves to your service, and by 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.***

## 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.***

## Recessional Hymn 450 (v. 1,3&5)

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

**1** All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

**5** Sinners, whose love can ne'er  
forget the wormwood and the  
gall, go, spread your trophies at  
his feet, and crown him Lord of  
all!

**6** Let every kindred, every  
tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

BCP 102

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Postlude

### **Prayer List**

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### **Birthdays**

Molly Dobos	10/26	Megan Miller	10/29
Margaret Fogleman	10/27	Penny Capawana	10/31
Marcia Murphy	10/28		

### **Anniversaries**

Dick and Peggy Jacobsen 10/24



**Stewardship 2021: “Faith Filled generosity, Taking a step forward - for Christ and his church”** During the month of October, we focus and reflect on what Faith Filled Generosity means. Last week, you should have received a letter from Father Paul in the mail. This week Wanda Ziembinski shared how much giving has blessed her. You may access all stewardship testimonies and letters on our webpage anytime. Stay tuned for more stewardship testimonies from members of the parish. This time of reflection and gratitude helps us prayerfully consider what gifts we can give back. Pledge cards will be brought to the altar and blessed on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**All Saints Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> - Email Names of those Honored Now.**

All Saints Sunday is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take a moment to email ([ecaparish@gmail.com](mailto:ecaparish@gmail.com)) the names of those you wish to honor this week (deadline Wednesday, October 28). It is our privilege to honor those who have died and gone to be with the Lord.

**Cathy's Closet Food Drive for the Month of October.**

ECA Reach Ministry is hosting the Cathy's Closet food drive during the month of October. Ameris Bank will match the cost of donated items during the month! Drop off items while attending the outside service, or drive-by and drop between 11:30- 1:00 pm on Sundays. Drop off will include protocols for social distancing. Thank you for supporting both the Reach Ministry and our local community!

**Vestry Nominations Open for 2021**

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA please contact Wanda Ziembinski, Chris Renaud or Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment and meets once a month with a retreat in January. Vestry members serve in a leadership role with a ministry within the parish. Vestry qualifications are: any confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish not less than 18yrs of age, a regular attendant of church services the preceding year before election, and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support throughout preceding year before election.

**Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service**

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested.

### **Christian Formation Class Today at 9:40 am Virtually**

Adult CF is scheduled for 9:40 am via Zoom. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

### **Meal Train for Stinchcomb Family**

ECA has set up a Meal Train to provide meals on for the Stinchcomb family on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You can log on at <https://mealtrain.com/046z14> to schedule delivery of a meal or call Brenda Pinkston at 770.977.7664 or Megan Miller at 770.516.7224 to get on the schedule. Our love and prayers go out to the Stinchcomb family.

### **Sign up for the ECA Newsletter**

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

### **New COVID-19 Guidelines for Limited In-person Worship & Group Gatherings**

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

### **ECA Finances to Date**

<b><u>(YTD) Through Sept.2020</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$161,818	\$176,631	(\$14,844)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$153,979	\$175,813	\$21,833
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$7,839	\$818	\$7,021

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