

Welcome to our Sunday Worship
October 17, 2021 9:00 A.M. EOW
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

With utmost concern for all in our diocese,
***Bishop Smith has decided that masks once again should be worn
by all individuals for all indoor gatherings.***
Masks are available in the Narthex or ask the Ushers for one. Thank you.

PRELUDE *Air from Rinaldo* G. F. Handel

(Please remain seated as we sing)

Surely the Presence Worship #131

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Please stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant: 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**

THE GLORIA Hymnal #S 280

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

(Please be seated)

The First Reading: *(Lector)* A Reading from the Book of Job.

In this long poem dealing with the problem of suffering, Job's friends and a fourth participant, Elihu, have all said their pieces. None have satisfactorily answered the eternal question: Why do the innocent suffer? Now God enters the dialogue in response to Job's hostility. The divine rhetoric majestically declares the works of divine creativity and providence, yet never answers the fundamental question. It merely illustrates the vast gulf between human and divine knowledge. The problem remains a mystery.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"

[38:1-7, 34-41]

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:1-9, 25

This magnificent hymn of praise blesses God as the creator and sustainer of all. Creation and control of nature by a supernatural power found expression in many cultures of the ancient world. The Jewish faith affirmed that the God of Israel brought all things into being and saw that they were good.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

**You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

**O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: (*Lector*) A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

This passage defines the role of the ideal priest expressed as the representative of others. Accordingly, he offers the appropriate sacrifice on the Jewish feast of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The author uses this basis to teach of Jesus, the Man of Galilee who is the Son of God, as the one who fulfills all the conditions as the ideal priest.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

[5:1-10]

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celtic Alleluia:

Worship # 736

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Their conviction that he was the Messiah led James and John boldly to put forth their request for precedence in the messianic kingdom to Jesus. As he so often did, Jesus responded with another question. His reply symbolized his death and the two sacraments the Church still uses to tell of its meaning.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." [10:35-45]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Celtic Alleluia:

Worship # 736

SERMON *(Please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

We believe in one God, the Father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 II *(please stand or kneel)*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, Tom our Rector, and for the clergy and staff of

St Paul's. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, I ask your prayers for The Church of the Province of Uganda. I ask your prayers for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people. I ask your prayers for Joe our President. I ask your prayer for Ron our Governor and for our County Commissioners, and those who advise them.

Pray for justice and peace.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

(Silence)

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)

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Jill Polito, _____. Pray for those who have died.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the family of Jill Polito, _____, and all those on our parish prayer list.

(Silence)

I ask your thanksgivings for those celebrating the anniversary of their births, especially Joseph Meghreblian, Walter Hotaling, Katie Judnich, Karen Sullivan, and John Jones and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriages, especially Jacqueline Mortman & Jean Pierre St. Louis, Fred & Charlotte Thornton, Tom & Charlene Connolly, Jack & Rosemary LaRose, and Jim & Sharron Crosby.

(Silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

(Silence)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*Please stand*)

OFFERTORY *(Please be seated during hymn)*

Worship 458 # v 1, 3

O Jesus I have promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou will be my guide.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory, your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Doxology *(Please stand)*

Hymnal #380 v 3

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the lord.**

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

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

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant & People sing: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* Worship # 738

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues)

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Paul, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Celebrant & People sing:

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray.

Celebrant & People sing: *The Lord's Prayer* *Worship #740*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant & People sing:

Fraction Anthem *Eat This Bread* *Worship #697 (ref x 2)*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead, please fold your hands across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

Instrumental

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please stand or kneel)*

Celebrant and People: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant: And finally my brothers and sisters, live in harmony and with compassion. Show kindness and humility. Return no evil nor slander but return blessings to all. Bless and do not curse for such is your call in Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shall be with you this day and all the days of your life.

CLOSING HYMN *(Please stand)*

Worship # 51 vs 1, 2, 4

How great thou art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of St. Paul's truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Celebrant issues the **DISMISSAL**

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March Solennelle

E Ousley Gilbert

Welcome visitors! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Trinity Hall, after the service.

Today's 9:00 a.m. Worship Leaders: *Celebrant & Homilist:* The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thoeni, *Eucharistic Minister:* Judy Cimaglia, *Lector & Intercessor:* Ken Eastlack, *Music Director / Organist:* Eleanor Phelps, *Ushers:* Judy Martin & Joyce Cashin, *Greeter:* Katie Judnich

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Other St. Paul's Sunday Worship Services

5 pm Worship in Creole

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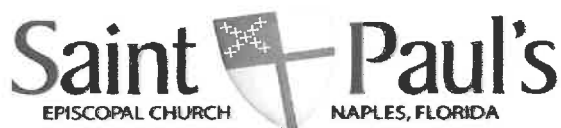
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