



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

**Officiant:** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant 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.*

**Officiant:** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

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

**Officiant 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.*

**ANTIPHON**

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

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!

### **Psalm 96:1-13**

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**Officiant 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 forever. *Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**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.

**Anthem: Hymn 664 "My Shepherd will supply my need"**

**Susan Hollinger**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22**

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.

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**Officiant and People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**THE PRAYERS**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

## **Suffrages "B"**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; \*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you; \*

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; \*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy; \*

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; \*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

## **Collect for Sundays**

**Officiant and People:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for the Conservation of Natural Resources**

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Collect for the Mission of the Church**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for Heroic Service**

**Officiant and People:** O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for Guidance**

**Officiant and People:** O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rise up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that

the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in the light we may see light, and in the straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Future of the Human Race**

**Officiant and People:** O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayers for Others**

**(Moment of Silence)**

### **Prayers for Those on Our Prayer List**

#### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

**Officiant and People:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

### **BLESSING**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **DISMISSAL**

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email [gdubose@gmail.com](mailto:gdubose@gmail.com) or phone (304) 839-1124.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

The Kwelberg Family  
The McKim Family  
The White House Staff Affected by the Virus  
Fred & Ginny Warren  
Mary Murray  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
John Henry Dale & Patricia Engel  
Bishop Susan Goff  
Dennis Gunther  
Bob Sabath  
The Mikoly Family  
Eunice Spence  
Tom Motheral  
Frank Archibald  
Kathy

Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Chris  
Mike  
Tyler Gore  
Gwenivere Black  
Kevin Gile  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
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#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*