

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Name of the Lord**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Most High!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Most High!

The name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into it  
And they are safe.  
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The righteous run into it  
And they are safe.

Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Most High!  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Most High!

**Times of Refreshing**

Times of refreshing, here in Your presence;  
No greater blessing than being with You.  
My soul is restored, my mind is renewed;  
There's no greater joy, Lord,  
Than being with You.

Baptisms waters claims us as your child  
Cleanses the sinner, makes something new  
My soul is restored, my mind is renewed;  
There's no greater joy, Lord,  
Than being with You.

**Prayer**

**Gathering Song: If There Were No God**

If there were no God,  
There would be no music.  
There would be no dream  
To be dreaming of.  
What a dreadful thought  
Of an empty future.  
If there were no God,  
There would be no love.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into it  
And they are safe.  
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The righteous run into it  
And they are safe.

Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Most High!  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Most High!

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Fire of the Spirit filling your people  
Power to witness the grace that you bring  
My soul is restored, my mind is renewed;  
There's no greater joy, Lord,  
Than being with You.

My soul is restored, my mind is renewed;  
There's no greater joy, Lord,  
Than being with You.  
There's no greater joy, Lord,  
Than being with You.

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If there were no God,  
There would be no children.  
There would be no joy  
To reveal our tears.  
Not a tender hand  
To provide us comfort.  
No consoling heart  
To subdue our fears.

But we know that God is with us.  
And we know His majesty.  
Reigning on the King Eternal.  
Yes, we know the victory.

If there were no God,  
There would be no sunshine.  
There would be no rain  
To refresh the earth.  
There would be no jewels  
To display their value.  
There would be no thought  
Of endearing word.

But we know that God is with us.  
And we know His majesty.  
Reigning on the King Eternal.  
Yes, we know the victory.

If there were no God,  
There'd be no creation.

There would be no life,  
There would be no birth.  
No surpassing joy,  
Nothing in existence.  
If there were no God,  
All would be death.

But we know that God is with us.  
And we know His majesty.  
Reigning on the King Eternal.  
Yes, we know the victory.

But we know that God is with us.  
And we know His majesty.  
Reigning on the King Eternal.  
Yes, we know  
Yes, we know,  
Yes, we know the victory.

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#### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and in newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

#### Apostolic Blessing:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 1, page 57

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God” LBW setting 1, page 58

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: 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 sins 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**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God,

**C: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Lessons:

**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:

<sup>2</sup> 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,

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

**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.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 1, page 63

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 22:15-22**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians [an unlikely alliance!], 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. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” 21 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.” 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: “The Things that Are God’s”

Sermon Song: **Thrive**

Joy unspeakable  
Faith unsinkable  
Love unstoppable  
Anything is possible  
(REPEAT 3 Xs)

Just to know You and to make You known  
We lift Your name on high  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide

We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives

It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive  
Oh oh, Oh oh  
We were made to thrive

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Message part 2

**Message Song: LBW 410 We Give Thee but Thine Own**

We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us,  
To thee our first fruits give.

Hearts still are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.

To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend those lost in loneliness,  
Is angels' work below.

The captive to release,  
The lost to God to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace—  
It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
We do it unto thee.

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## Apostles' Creed

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 into hell. 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

## Praise Song: LBW 406 Take My Life, that I May Be

Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

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## Passing of the Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart LBW Setting 1, page 75

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

**C: 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, forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

**C: Amen**

Closing Song: **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption, The purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory  
Great things He has done

Great things He has taught us,  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done

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Sending

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Share the joy of Christ.

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**