



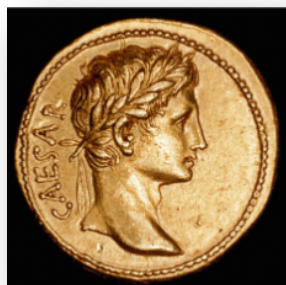
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24A

Service of the Word

October 18, 2020 - 9:30 am



The Liturgy of the Word begins on page 355 of
The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude Music

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 * 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.
Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Celebrant
People

Blessed be the One, Holy, and undivided Trinity.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Gloria

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.*

The Collect

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 savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious

to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Second Lesson 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.

Priest or Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Christ.

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.

People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dianne Andrews

The Nicene Creed

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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 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 Peace

Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

All Saints' Names Project

An All Saints tradition at St. Paul's is to worship surrounded by the names of friends and loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. This year, in lieu of a physical installation, a video will be created containing the names. You are invited to submit one or more names for the video project using an electronic form that can be found in last Wednesday's newsletter and in a special mailing that will be coming out later today. Please make your submission by **Thursday, October 22.**

Stewardship Kick-off Video

Stewardship Prayer

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given.

By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you.

We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us.

Protect and guide us on our journey, and guide those who are involved in Diocesan, and parish stewardship leadership.

We seek to be your faithful stewards.

Amen.

Offertory Sentence

In this moment, we take time virtually to pass the offering plate that represents our gifts, our hopes, and our prayers offered in gratitude to our Creator and in thanksgiving for this community.

With grateful hearts, we give what we can.

In joyful hope, we give for what can be.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

On-line giving is always an option. You will find the "Give to St. Paul's" button at the top of the St. Paul's website homepage: www.stpaulspt.org

Confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, resisting your will in our lives. We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other and in the world which you have made. Reach out your saving arm and rescue us from our sin. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, for your people and all creation. Amen

Absolution

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for deep peace and healing for ourselves, our relationships, our nation, and the world, responding to each petition:

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for our human family. Teach us to live in unity and peace that, together, we serve one another and care for the good creation you have entrusted to us.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, that we may be faithful to your Gospel message of faith, hope, and love.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Pour out your Spirit on this community of St. Paul's filling us with your light and love. Help us to serve the community of which we are a part, that we may be your hands, heart, and voice in the world.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Deepen our compassion for all those who suffer from any grief or trouble:

For those who are lonely, anxious, or depressed. For those without communities of support. For parents who are exhausted, and for children and young people who feel helpless, sad, and isolated.

For those who are sheltering-at-home with their abusers, and for all for whom home is not a place of safety.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve to provide for our needs, to care for us, and to serve our communities. We pray for firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers. For doctors, nurses, and health care professionals. For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those who have been called to fight forest fires, called into harm's way, and called to fight the virus.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for teachers, for parents who are teaching at home, for students and for all who are struggling to adapt. We pray for asylum-seekers who have lost hope, for businessowners who have lost their livelihood, for employees who have no work, for all in financial trouble, especially those in danger of losing their homes.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering from COVID-19 and we ask your blessing on those who are working on vaccines and other preventive and curative measures. We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose names we offer now:

silence

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are dying, for those who have died, for all who mourn, and for those who offer comfort.

silence

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that they may compassionately and wisely serve the greater good, your people, and all creation.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Nation as we are forced to wrestle with long-standing inequities and racism. Help us to resist the temptation to look away and give us strength to do our part to heal the wounds of long-standing injustice. Give us the courage to speak out, the humility and compassion to listen, and the patience, perseverance and will to become the Beloved Community.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for solidarity and unity among all peoples. For a greater appreciation and love of all of humanity. For calm amidst fear, for hope in times of despair.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life...

silence

We give thanks to you for your good gifts.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Blessing

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn #364

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

Let us go forth from this time of worship to continue the work we have been given to do: to reach out, to love, and to serve in the name of risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go forth saying: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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