



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
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Prelude Music

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Hymn #609

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 Till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
where your feet have trod: till glo - rious from your

self - ish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man!
lures of greed we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion of your face.
throngs a - bide, O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.

Celebrant
People

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

Collect for Purity

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

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, 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.*

First Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one

hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

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.

Deacon People	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew Glory to you Lord Christ.
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Matthew 22:34-46

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.

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

The Rev. Beth Orling (Lutheran)

The Nicene Creed

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.

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymn #450

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 *4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 *5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Dismissal

*Zoom fellowship to follow the service.
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