



Christ Episcopal Church Kensington
Morning Prayer
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

Prelude *Arabesque Reverie (24 Pièces en style libre, Book 1, No. 10)*

Louis Vierne

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence may be kept.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen

The Presider:

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider 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. Alleluia.

Jubilate led by Christine Taylor

O Be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before God's | presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord is God; it is God that hath made us and not | we ourselves; we are God's people and the | sheep of the pasture.

O go your way into God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's | courts with praise; be thankful unto God and | speak | good of God's Name.

For the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is | everlasting; and God's truth endureth from generation to | generation.

Glory be to our Maker and to the Christ and | to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be, world without | end. Amen.

Psalm 1 (1-9) *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on God's law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Lessons

A Reading from Leviticus (19:1-2,15-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 475 *God our Lord is with us*

God our Lord is with us; Let us all adore him, And with awe appear before him.
God is here within us; Souls, in silence fear him, Humbly, fervently draw near him.
Now his own who have known God, in worship lowly, Yield their spirits wholly.

Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever, soul and life and each endeavor.
Help us to surrender earth's deceitful treasures, pride of life and sinful pleasures:
Thou alone shall be known Lord of all our being, life's true way decreeing.

Thou pervadest all things, let thy radiant beauty light my eyes to see my duty.
As the tender flowers eagerly unfold them, to the sunlight calmly hold them,
So let me, quietly, in thy rays imbue me, let thy light shine through me.

Come, abide within me; let my soul, like Mary, be thine earthly sanctuary.
Come, indwelling Spirit, with transfiguring splendor; love and honor will I render.
Where I go here below, let me bow before thee, know thee and adore thee.

The Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The 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 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

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

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.

The Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Day

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Enriching Our Worship 1, Great Litany, IV & V

Hear our prayers, Loving God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Lawrence, the Governor of Maryland, and all the leaders of our county, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Teach us to rely on your strength and to accept our responsibilities to our fellow citizens, that we may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the anxious, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

We lift up those on our parish prayer list: Florence Crozier, Mary Lou Cumberpatch, Bill Daisley, Kate Ganascioli, Carl Keith, Jon Martineau, Mary Padgett, Lissa Ramsepaul, Betsy Robbins, Amy Saylor, Kitty Shuler, and Rick Whiting, Jr.

You are invited add your intercessions.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially Carolyn Weston, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

You are invited to add your prayers for the departed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us grateful hearts for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for all those who helped with Kenya Night for Nyumbani, for the generosity of this parish, and for those celebrating their

birthdays this week, especially Ray Barry, Lenord Hawkins, Owen McLellan, Frank Forman, David Blackman, Thea Kayne, and Ben Haskell.

You are invited to add your prayers of thanksgiving.

Hear us, O Christ.

Concluding prayer

O God, give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Doing What Love Requires

We continue our season of stewardship for the ministry of Christ Church in 2021.

Every member of your vestry has already made a financial commitment to the campaign! I hope you will take a few minutes to watch vestry member for Discipleship and Evangelism Lee Puricelli's video take on Christ Church now and in the future.

This past week you should have received by mail an annual giving packet. I ask you to please prayerfully consider your commitment to Christ Church and join us in supporting the work and life of our parish! If you did not receive a packet, please contact the church office to have one sent to you. Thank you for your support and generosity,

Ray Barry, Stewardship Chair

All Saints' Day

On the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the “mystical body of all the faithful.” We remember saints: past, present and yet to come. This year we will be holding our monthly **Celebration of Holy Eucharist on November 1st at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom** and will remember the souls of all the departed in our prayers that Sunday.

In addition, we have a new way to honor them this year. **Prayer Flags!** We invite you to commemorate your deceased loved one on a prayer flag, which will hang outdoors in front of the church. It will be a collective representation of our own sainted souls in our outdoor sacred space. See the weekly *Christ Church Connection* emails for more information on how to make this special remembrance of those beloved in your life who have joined the company of saints.

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of our desiring (Cantata 147)*

J. S. Bach
Kate McKinley, soprano

Even though we are not able to meet together during this time, the work of the Church continues. Please mail your offering to Christ Church, 4001 Franklin St., Kensington, MD 20895, or take this time to contribute online <https://christchurchkensington.org/give/>
We are so very grateful for your generosity.

Benediction

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Complainte (24 Pièces en style libre, Book 1, No. 3)* Louis Vierne

Welcome to all our visitors

If you'd like more information about Christ Church, please email Parish Administrator Jen Luna administrator@ccpk.org, we'll add you to our weekly e-newsletter, or call us at 301-942-4673. Send an email to the Rector, the Rev. Emily Guthrie, at emily@ccpk.org. We are better for your presence with us today, and would love to get to know you!



Thank you to all who participated in today's service

Lectors:

Suzanne & Frank Shaw, Kitty Shuler, Susan Patch, John & Winnie Holbrooke
Hazel-Marie Wang & Callie Raulfs Wang



Flower Dedication

Virtual flowers are given this week to the Glory of God.

If you would like to dedicate virtual flowers that appear in the weekly email, please contact Jen Luna, administrator@ccpk.org.