

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 23

October 10, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 288 – “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
autumn's rich o'erflowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prospering hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of our best;
and by deeds of kindly love
for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days
praise to God, immortal praise.

Opening Sentence

Officiant You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare

ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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

All 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.

The Officiant continues

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.

All Amen.

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.'

All Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Officiant For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

All **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

All **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant 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!

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

All **Alleluia.**

Psalm 90:12-17 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Reader So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

All **Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!**

Reader Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Reader Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

All **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

First Reading **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12-III: A Song of Creation

(said responsively by whole verse)

Officiant Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, ***
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Officiant Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, ***
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Officiant Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed (said responsively by whole verse)

Officiant O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

All **Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

Officiant Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All **All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Mark 10:17-31

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon..... Betsy Miller

Apostles' Creed

All **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.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

All **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

Reader Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

All **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Reader Day by day we bless you;

All **We praise your name for ever.**

Reader Lord, keep us from all sin today;

All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Lord, show us your love and mercy;

All **For we put our trust in you.**

Reader In you, Lord, is our hope;

All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Bridge of Love B.J. Thomas

Collect

Officiant Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

Reader O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Reader We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray this week especially for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, and Geri.

Reader We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Isaac, Charlotte, Isabelle, Ann, Anthony, Elizabeth, Phyllis, Emily, and Kurt.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

Officiant Are there any other prayer requests for birthdays, travel, etc?

Officiant prays for any prayer requests

All **Amen.**

Announcements

**Meditation Group
1st & 3rd Mondays** Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Prayer Group
2nd, 4th & 5th
Mondays** Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Blood Drive
October 11th
1:30pm-6:30pm** Grace Episcopal Church is holding a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross in their Undercroft Hall. Grace is located at 5958 Main Street in Trumbull. Donate if you can!

Departed List

On November 7th we will celebrate All Saints' Day in our service. *Please email the parish office with the names of your loved ones who have passed with the dates*

of when they passed by Friday, October 22nd. In the Christian faith and Episcopal tradition, we trust and believe that those who have died are with Christ in Heaven; therefore, prayers for the deceased are primarily for those who are grieving their loss and to honor those who have gone before us. At Christ Church we have an extensive list of people of those who have died, but we do not know the dates or the persons who knew them. It is difficult to know then if we are praying for someone to honor their memory and their service of our church or if we are praying for someone who was known and loved by a current parishioner. This year we will lift up our extensive list at our service and begin to create a new list with current names, dates, and current parishioner connections.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

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

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 410 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**