



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL church

## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020

*Notes referencing posture – stand, kneel, sit – should be assumed to be optional.*

**Organ Prelude**

Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

(Con moto maestoso – Andante tranquillo)

**Opening Hymn**

Before Jehovah's awful throne

H 391

*Standing*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 351**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 352**

*The Deacon then says*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Kneeling.*  
*Silence may be kept.*

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

**The Gloria**

**S 280**

*Standing*

***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 of the Day**

**BCP 235**

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

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

**The First Lesson** *Seated*

**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:  
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,  
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.  
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.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
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.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 96:1-9** *Cantate Domino*

**BCP 725**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

## The Second Lesson

## 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.

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.

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**People** *Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 22:15-22

*Standing*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

Deacon           The Gospel of the Lord.  
People           ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon *Seated*

The Rev. Dr. Steven J. Pankey

The Nicene Creed  
*Standing*

BCP 358

***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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 hand 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Prayers of the People Form IV      *Remain standing.*

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as you love us.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **A Prayer for the Oppressed**

**BCP 826**

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Anthem

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

The Lord's Prayer

*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 Blessing

Concluding Hymn  
*Standing*

God of grace and God of glory

H 594

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.

**The Dismissal**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

Con moto maestoso (Sonata III)

Felix Mendelssohn

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Vazquez-Vila,  
 Manual Vazquez-Vila, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dodd, Sr., and Elizabeth Rabold  
 by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dodd, Sr.*

**Ministers of the Service**

Presider	The Very Rev. Becca Kello
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Steve J. Pankey
Deacon	The Rev. Kellie Mysinger
Organist	C. Kenneth Stein
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