

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 18, 2020

10:00 AM



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Four Fountain Square
Larchmont, NY**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Make sure your audio setting on Zoom is now in the “mute” setting. Respond out loud at home to all the responses just as if we were in church together.

Let us take three deep breaths and center ourselves in the present moment. Relax and release some of your stress as we make ourselves available to God so God can be more available to us. Consider sharing your specific concerns, silently or aloud, during the Prayers of the People.

READ ALOUD AT HOME ALL THE PARTS IN BOLD WHILE YOUR MIC IS MUTED.

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN: #391

Before the Lord’s eternal throne

Winchester New

(vs.1, 2, and 4)

Before the Lord’s eternal throne,
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone;
he can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign Power without our aid
formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
he saved us from the power of death.

We’ll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

All **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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant

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.

All

Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1-7

Susan Matelich A Reading from Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-13

Ryan O'Connell

Reader The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is from Psalm 96. Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 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.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: THESSALONIANS 1:1-10 4:1-9

Susan Matelich

A Reading from a Letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 13: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Sung by Holly Mentzer.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

Rev. Dorothy ✠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.

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

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Tom Kent

HOMILY

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

THE NICENE CREED

All **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 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.
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ryan O'Connell

Reader God, we pray for your people in every place around the world;
People **That we may be one.**

Reader Give us the grace to serve you with humility;
People **That we may reflect your commandment to love others as ourselves.**

Reader We pray for Rev. Lisa, Rev. Dorothy, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful to your truth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will;
People **That all our words and actions will reflect your love.**

Reader Bless your people who serve as essential workers,
People **That they may serve with courage, wisdom, strength and compassion.**

Reader Have compassion on all who are suffering the effects of the pandemic,
and all who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be comforted in their distress.**

Reader Bless all who have died, especially John J. Creedon and Ruth Gill.
People **Let your light shine upon them forever.**

Reader May your Spirit move in those in positions of authority and in every
human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, hatreds cease
and divisions heal;
People **That all may live in justice and peace.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add
your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

*At this point, all participants shall be “unmuted”
and you are invited to add your own petitions aloud.*

The Officiant adds a concluding collect, and the People respond,
People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is observed.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Lisa The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

All participants' microphones will be muted again, through the end of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Lisa Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface relevant to the season.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

All

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Rev. Dorothy

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother broods over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

People

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #408

Sing praise to God who reigns above *Mit Freuden zart*
(vs. 1 and 2)

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

DISMISSAL

Rev. Lisa Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Join us for our "Virtual Coffee Hour".
Before we begin, we take a 2 minute break.**

**You are welcome to stay as long as you like and
to leave the "Coffee Hour" at any point.**

Liturgical Ministers Today

Rector
Priest Associate
Director of Music
Intercessor
Lector

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason
The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene
Dr. Paul-Martin Maki
Ryan O'Connell
Susan Matelich