

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (EPISCOPAL)



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

OCTOBER 18, 2020 AT 8:00 AM ON ZOOM, 10:00 AM IN-PERSON

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Prelude

“Méditation” from *24 Pièces en style libre*

Louis Vierne

Opening Acclamation

The words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Anthem (8:00)

“Offertory”

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? –Micah 6:6-8

Psalm 96:1-9 Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

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.

The First Lesson *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

A Reading from the 1st letter of Paul the Apostle to the church in Thessalonika.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of Faith

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

Blessed be the God and Father, **of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold.

But with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

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.

Hymn 665

“All my hope on God is founded”

Please note- there is no singing allowed in person today. The words are included if you would like to follow along while the hymn is being played.

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ

Canticle #16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

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.

The Sermon

Musical Reflection Solo (8:00)

“Be Thou my Vision”

Isaac Lowder, arr

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true child. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. –Irish, ca. 700, versification Mary Elizabeth Byrne, translation Eleanor H. Hull

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.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father...

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.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Mission

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. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Rob our Bishop, for Mike, Greg and Nancy our clergy, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald our President, Chris our governor, our local Mayors and City Councilors, for the leaders of the nations, and for all who have been entrusted with authority over others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our cities, and for everyone who lives and works here, that we may live in peace and in the service of the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have entrusted themselves to our prayers, [especially_____,] let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [_____, and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Healing and Special Concerns

Bob Adolt	Thomas Dorgan	Maureen Haak	SHM	Kathie Russeau
Jan & Jerry Armstrong	Jennifer Duff	Joan Hout	Nancy Martin	Samantha Russeau
Lori Azevedo	Roxanne Dwyer	Wendy Huckins	Elissa Morin	Kate Schaller
Bob Bloemer	Debbie Eckers	Marie Hurley	Craig Morton	Don Shepard
Margaret Sheehan Brown	Kathy Eckles	Evelyn Jensen	Susan Nadeau	Cody Sleeper
Rose Emma Caisse	John Epstein	Jimmy Kantargis	Teiyana Nolan	Phil Temple
Ann Dadak	Charlotte Flint	Meredith King	Michelle Normandin	Donna Voveris
Henry Dailey	Helen Francini	Pauline Lawrence	Ella Ogonowski	Chris Walsh
Charlotte Davis	Charles Freiburger	Dawn Marie Long	Tina Terry Peel	John Waugh
		Sandra Long	Aimee Pelletier	Edi-Lu Wartella

Prayers for the Deceased: Hazel Palmer.

An Altar Remembrance is given in loving memory of **Thomas L. Oliver** by his parents Mary and Joe.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with You.

The General Thanksgiving

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.

The Closing Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Romans 15:13*

Postlude

“Prelude in C major” from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*

J.S. Bach

Assisting in this Service as Readers: Susan Nutting, Theresa Belanger, Richard Binder
Assisting this week as Verger: Howard Titus

THE PARISH NOTICES

Please Welcome: Father Nicolas Stebbing, CR is our guest preacher today. Fr. Nicholas is a native Zimbabwean and has been working there for over 50 years advocating for orphans and schools in a poverty ravaged despotic country. He is the founder of the Tariro orphanages in Harare, Marondera and Penalonga, and has supported the church there through ten years of attempted government takeover. He has been instrumental in bringing international attention to the situation there, and in crating lasting links between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Zimbabwe. Fr. Nicholas will also speak at the Adult Forum.

Congratulations: Join us in congratulating Vestry member Marcie Byrd and Steve Drescher who welcomed a healthy baby boy, Benjamin, to their family.

Thank you to the members of this morning’s quartet of singers: Don Fluckinger, Cindy Hayes, Chris Howard, Sue Moyle.

Please Note- Change in Office Hours: The office hours for the month of October will be Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 2pm. The office will be closed on Mondays.

Front Door Agency (FDA) Fall Drive: As we have done every fall, CGS will be supporting the Front Door Agency with a collection of much needed items. This year it will be in the form of an online Amazon drive. You can purchase items for the FDA using Amazon, and the items will be delivered directly to the FDA. Thank you for your continued support of the Front Door Agency! The link to the Fall Wish List 2020 is: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11EQ5RGAW6V6L?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_an_z4wWHdqvuriCN.

Various Worship Sign-Ups: We will have more Sunday Worship schedule outside through the end of October at **10:00 am In-person worship**, sign-up required, but please be aware that these could be changed to exclusively Zoom meetings in bad weather. To sign up for the In-person Sunday worship click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAF29AAFB6-outdoor1>. **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**, there will be In-person **Morning Prayer**. To sign up for the Tuesday Morning Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAF29AAFB6-tuesday>. **Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30 am** there will be time for **Private In-person prayer** in the church. To sign up for the Wednesday morning Private Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAF29AAFB6-wednesday1>. Or you may call the Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm to sign up as well.

Sunday Worship via Zoom Link: **Sunday Mornings at 8:00 am. & 10:00 am.** Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Worship Online

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92625169665>

Meeting ID: 926 2516 9665

Sunday Adult Forum: Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. The topic for the next two Sundays is "Christianity and Democracy." As the election approaches, we'll be thinking together about our role as Christians in the public square and in our democracy. Today, we will be joined by Fr. Nicolas Stebbing, CR, who will speak to his own experience of these questions in his native Zimbabwe. Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Adult Forum
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96730301609>
Meeting ID: 967 3030 1609

Book Discussion Group: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Please join Deacon Nancy on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. for a discussion group focused on racism and our Christian vows. The first book will be Castle by Isabel Wilkerson. Participants are asked to get the book and begin reading. Any questions please email Nancy at: nrmeyer711@gmail.com. Here are the links to join in each week:

Topic: CGS Adult Ed Racism Book Group
Time: Tuesdays 4:00 pm -5:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84991362569>
Meeting ID: 849 9136 2569

Midweek Coffee & Conversation: Please join Pastor Mike & Pastor Greg on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am for Mid-week Fellowship. Here is the link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96168342581>
Meeting ID: 961 6834 2581

Thursday Evening Christian Formation: As we continue to wrestle with how to create a more equal society, join Pastor Greg on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. this fall to examine the history of racism within our own denomination, how our church has supported the spread of white supremacy and racist ideas in America, and what we can do about it today. Here is the zoom link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92725342575?pwd=MlhLSkpDdnBiNTlId21jQ1lxS004Zz09>
Meeting ID: 927 2534 2575
Passcode: 383726

All Souls' Necrology: As is our tradition, on All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will be remembering all of our loved ones who have passed on and are now with our Lord. If you would like to have your loved one(s) remembered on this formal list (a necrology) please fill out the form below and submit it to the church office, **NO LATER than October 28th**.

I would like to have the following people remembered:
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name _____

Donation_____

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