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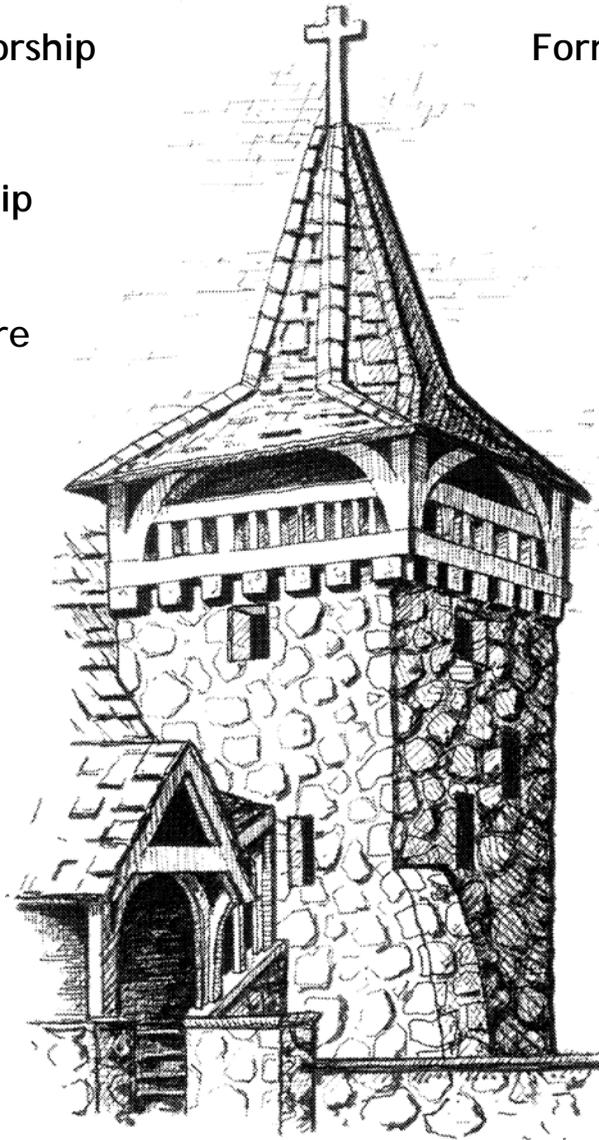
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today
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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal.

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing

The Processional Hymn No. 48

FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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. **Amen.**

The following hymn is sung, all standing (Music is found in the WLP # 900)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly 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

Prayer Book page # 231

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (11:26-12:13a)

The Gradual Psalm 51 Miserere mei, Deus

Prayer Book page # 656

The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant (Meacham).

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my of-fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans-gressions, * and my sin is ever be-fore me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with-in me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean in-deed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may re-joice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my in-iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit with-in me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help a-gain * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-16)

The People stand and sing **The Sequence Hymn No. 51**

DECATUR PLACE

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:24-35)

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Very Rev'd Canon Michael Bamberger

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 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: 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.

The Prayers of the People

The prayers are led today by the deacon. The deacon and People pray responsively.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church. For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for John and Diane our own bishops, for Michael, Josh, and Ed our clergy, and for all the baptized in this congregation.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Deacon: We pray for the needs of the world.

We pray for peace in nations and regions afflicted by war, for those who are working for peace, for members of the military and their loved ones, especially _____, for freedom from threats and terror, and for those working to bridge differences in cultures and peoples. We pray for those affected by drought, famine, and natural disasters and for those who work for world relief and development. Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Deacon: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Deacon: We pray for the community. For our elected leaders and all who work for the well-being and safety of our neighborhoods. For wisdom in our use of open space and for a renewal of common goals and consensus in spite of differences. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

People: that all may act with integrity and courage.

Deacon: Give grace to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries _____ and all whose lives are linked with ours

People: May we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

Deacon: We pray for those in need and for needs of our own.

And for other needs we name silently or aloud, _____.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Deacon: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People: Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

Deacon: We remember those who have died _____ and those who mourn.

We remember with thanksgiving all those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: Father, into your hands we commend them.

Deacon: Give comfort to those who mourn. People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Deacon: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Deacon: We pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: Forgive us our sins, intentional and through neglect, and our weaknesses, momentary and life-long. Help us, through your love, to heal wrongs and the hurts we have caused others. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be played:

Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend (Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No. 83

ADESTE FIDELIS

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 a proper preface is sung.) 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:

Celebrant and People (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")

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.

The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-119”)

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung
(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-152”)*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [Alleluia.]

The following Fraction Anthem will be sung (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-164”)

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to approach the Communion Station. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

All are welcome to receive of this sacrament of Christ’s Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest or deacon distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.

For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

After Communion, the people stand and sing

Hymn No. 321

ROCKINGHAM

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Prayer Book page # 365

Celebrant and People

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 people then stand and sing

The Final Hymn No. 690

CWM RHONDDA

The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.

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The Altar flowers are given by the Dalton Family in thanksgiving for many blessings.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

Announcements for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursdays at 8:15am

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3rd at Dominico's Italian Restaurant - 236 W Huntington Dr, Monrovia, CA 91016 Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM (Thursday, August 5th - 2021 from 9:00-10:00 AM) The current book being looked at is *Love is the Way* by Michael Curry. Available on Amazon. Chapters 10 and 11. The Forum has resumed meeting in person in the Rector's Office.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25- 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 and Holy Women, Holy Men):

8/3 – Joanna, Mary, and Salome (*Myrrh-Bearing Women*) **8/3 - George Freeman Bragg** (*Priest, 1940*) **8/5 – Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach the Elder** (*Artists, 1528, 1529, 1553*) **8/6 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ** **8/7 – John Mason Neale** (*Priest, 1866*)

LEADERSHIP: *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;
Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson;

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