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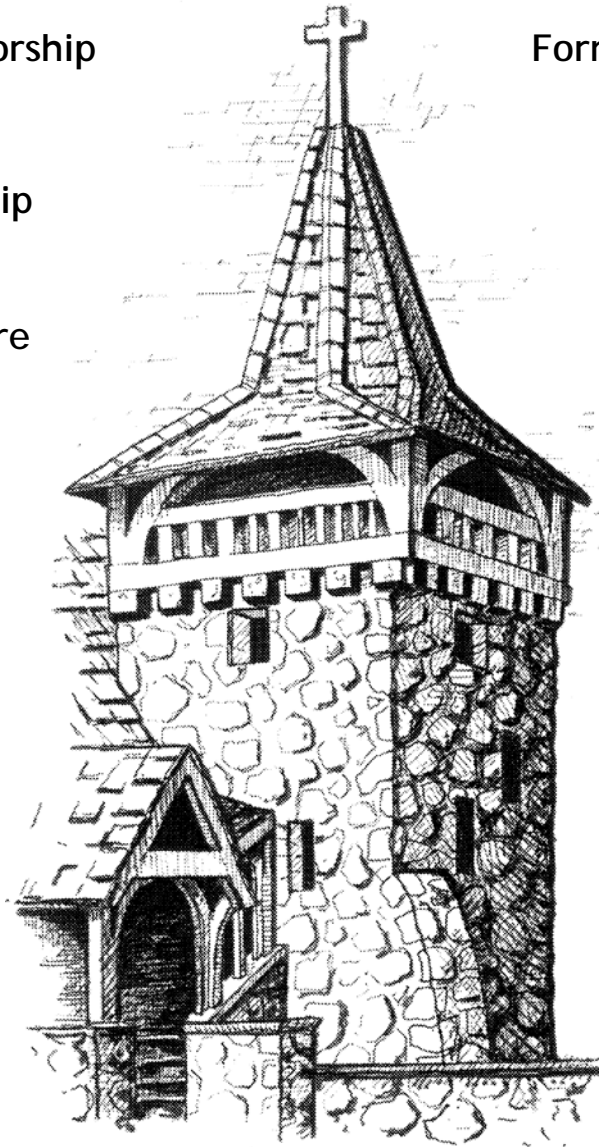
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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

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: Elegy on “The Old Hundredth “

Russell Schulz-Widmar

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. 448

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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 hymn is sung, all standing The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-280”*)

Glorify 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

Prayer Book page # 231

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Kings (4:42-44)

The Gradual Psalm 145:10-19 Exalbo te, Deus

Prayer Book page # 802

The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant.

- 10 All your works praise you, O **LORD**, * and your faithful servants **bless you**.
- 11 They make known the glory of your **kingdom** * and speak of your **power**;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your **power** * and the glorious splendor of your **kingdom**.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting **kingdom**; * your dominion endures throughout all **ages**.
- 14 The **LORD** is faithful in all his **words** * and merciful in all his **deeds**.
- 15 The **LORD** upholds all those who **fall**; * he lifts up those who are bowed **down**.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O **LORD**, * and you give them their food in due **season**.
- 17 You open wide your **hand** * and satisfy the needs of every living **creature**.
- 18 The **LORD** is righteous in all his **ways** * and loving in all his **works**.
- 19 The **LORD** is near to those who call upon **him**, * to all who call upon him **faithfully**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:14-21)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 445

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:1-21)

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 Rev'd Canon Ed Sniecienski

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.

We are baptized to lift up, day by day, all of God's people and creation. Let us pray for all of the needs and concerns of the world, the Church, and the congregation here gathered - responding "Hear our prayer."

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, especially _____, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

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

Bless all of our men and women who serve in the armed forces, especially _____. *Silence*

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, especially _____; 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, especially _____, 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.**

Let us also confess our sins to Almighty God

Deacon and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion forgive us our sins, Known and unknown, Things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

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

He's got the whole world

Margaret Bonds

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. 380 (verse 3)

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen.

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-157”)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy 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.

All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ’s Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruet. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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

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)

During the Communion, this anthem may be sung

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

After Communion, the people stand and sing
Hymn No. 574

ST. PETERSBURG

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

Prayer Book page # 365

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. 304

LAND OF REST

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: Postlude on “Festal Song”

Gordon Young

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary. The Angelus will be rung following the Voluntary.

The Angelus

☩. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary, ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

☩. See the handmaid of the LORD. ℞. May it be done to me according to your word.
Greetings, gracious Mary;

☩. And the Word was made flesh. ℞. And dwelt among us.
Greetings, gracious Mary;

☩. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour following both services.

The Altar Flowers are given this week by Liz Levie in thanksgiving..

Announcements for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

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 wish to discuss your faith journey, please speak to the Rector, Canon Bamberger.

ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN – There are toys in the “Prayground” towards the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction, and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30th at Lucky Baldwin's Pub in Kersting Court here in Sierra Madre. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group usually meets during the hour between the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service in the Parish Hall.

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2022):
7/29 – Mary and Martha of Bethany **7/30 – William Wilberforce** (*Prophetic witness, 1833*) **7/31 – Ignatius of Loyola** (*Priest and monastic, 1536*) **8/1 – Joseph of Arimathea** **8/3 - Joanna, Mary, and Salome, (Myrrh-bearing Women)**

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

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Robin Kassabian, M. Div.
The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski

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