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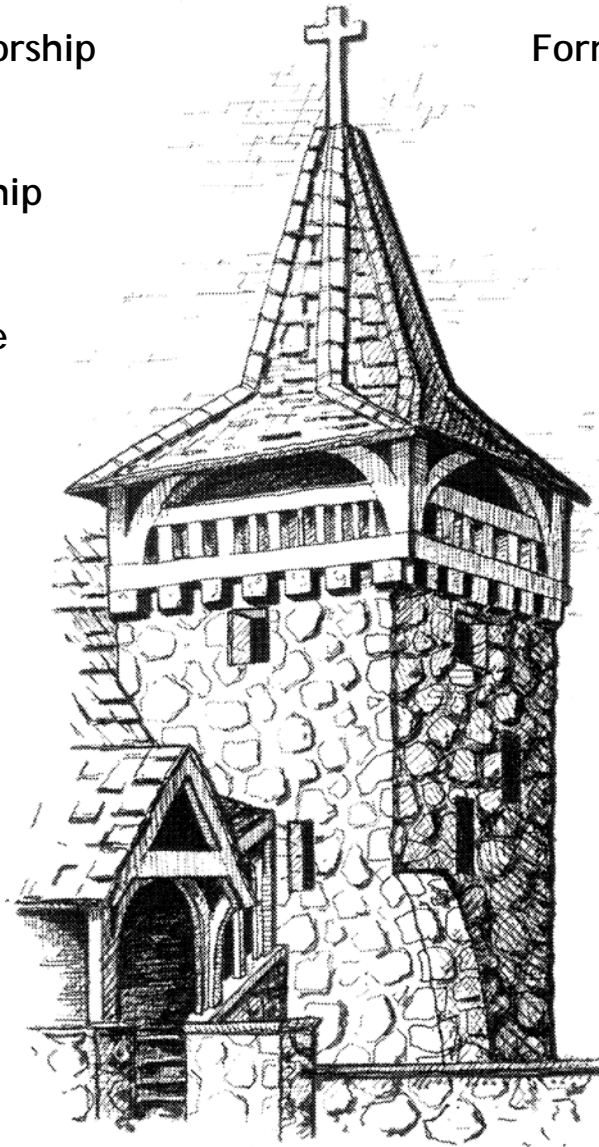
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# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

NINE IN THE MORNING

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

*BCP page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. The offertory hymn can be found in the Hymnal 1985, and the text will be shared on Zoom.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, and Summary of the Law**      **BCP page 323**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

#### The Gloria

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**Glorify be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The Lessons

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*The first lesson, the psalm, and the second lesson will be read today by Jean Rowe. The texts of the readings will be shared on Zoom. After each Reading, the Reader may say* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## *A Reading from the Book of Exodus (33:12-23)*

*The Gradual Psalm 99 Dominus regnavit*

**BCP page 728**

*The psalm will be read in unison*

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## *A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-10)*

*Then the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-22)*

*People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

*After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

## **The Homily**

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael A. Bamberger*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**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

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*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; for John, the bishop of Los Angeles and Diane our bishop suffragan; and Michael, Ed, and Josh our clergy, and Keiichi our Diocesan Discerner that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We pray for those parishioners celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially, \_\_\_\_\_. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President, Gavin our Governor, the Congress and Legislature, and the Courts that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We remember and pray for other blessings, we now name silently or aloud.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and for any other needs or concerns we name silently or aloud.

For the larger church, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer on this Sunday we pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, \_\_\_\_\_, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

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*Celebrant or Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,**

**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**

**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**

**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution and the Comfortable Words.*

The Peace

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Fr. Michael will make a few announcements. The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, Dr. Debora Huffman, Carol Rasmussen and Charley Noecker will offer a hymn - # 372 LEONI Praise to the Living God*

The Great Thanksgiving

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*The Celebrant faces the people and says* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. (*Here a proper preface is said.*) Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then may be said*

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

**Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation**

In place of the Invitation ("The gifts of God..."), the following Prayer of Spiritual Communion, is recommended:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

—St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787 (*adapted*)

*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. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please join us for fellowship during our virtual coffee hour on Zoom.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is given this week by Ted and Kathy Calleton in thanksgiving for Susan's birthday.*

*A Service of Communion under Special Circumstances will be held for individuals or households on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. Please call the Parish office to set the time you'd like to be greeted. If your work schedule conflicts, please contact Father Bamberger for another option.*



Bless our parish, strengthen our faith

Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world. For this, we pray to the Lord.

*Amen.*

# Announcements for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sunday, 7:30 am (in person/outside) & 9:00 a.m. (Via Zoom and Facebook Live); Thursday, 7:00a.m. (on hiatus)

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP is on hiatus.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES MEETS BETWEEN SERVICES is on hiatus.**

*Between the Masses may meet on Zoom*

*Sunday School for middle School and high School will meet today on Zoom*

**THE PARISH HALL WILL BECOME A VOTING CENTER** in two weeks. On Friday the 30th, Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> the Voting Center will open at 9am and close at 8pm. On Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Voting Center will open at 6am, and close at 9pm.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

**10/19(t) –Luke the Evangelist 10/19 – Henry Martyn** (*Priest and missionary to India and Persia, 1812*) **10/23 – James of Jerusalem** (*Brother of Our Lord and martyr, c. 62*)

**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; *Verger:* Mr. Michael Beach; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson; *Diocesan Discerner:* Mr. Keiichi Matsumoto

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