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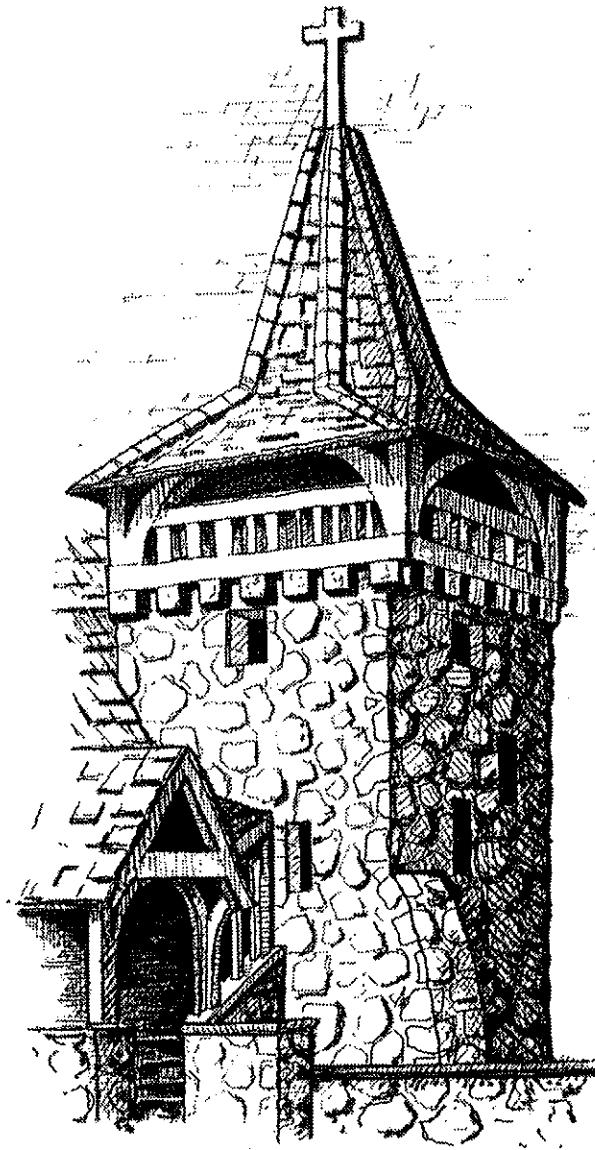
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# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

SEVEN-THIRTY IN THE MORNING

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

*BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell.*

### The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 is said by all.* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

Prayer Book page # 356

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 235

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

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*The people sit. One lesson will be read. After the Reading, the Reader may say*

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

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

### The Gradual Psalm 99

*Dominus regnavit*

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*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.

*Then, all standing, 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 you Lord Christ.

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

## **The Homily**

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael Bamberger*

## **The Nicene Creed** *The People stand*

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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 leads the prayers*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops John and Diane, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially St. Luke whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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 HOLY COMMUNION

*Fr. Michael will make a few announcements. The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*Representatives of the congregation would in ordinary times 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.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

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*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 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 said.)* 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*

**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 stand 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:

*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*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

These are the Gifts of God for you, the beloved People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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Let us pray.

*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 Celebrant may then bless the People.*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*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.*

**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 or another member of the clergy.

# 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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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.*