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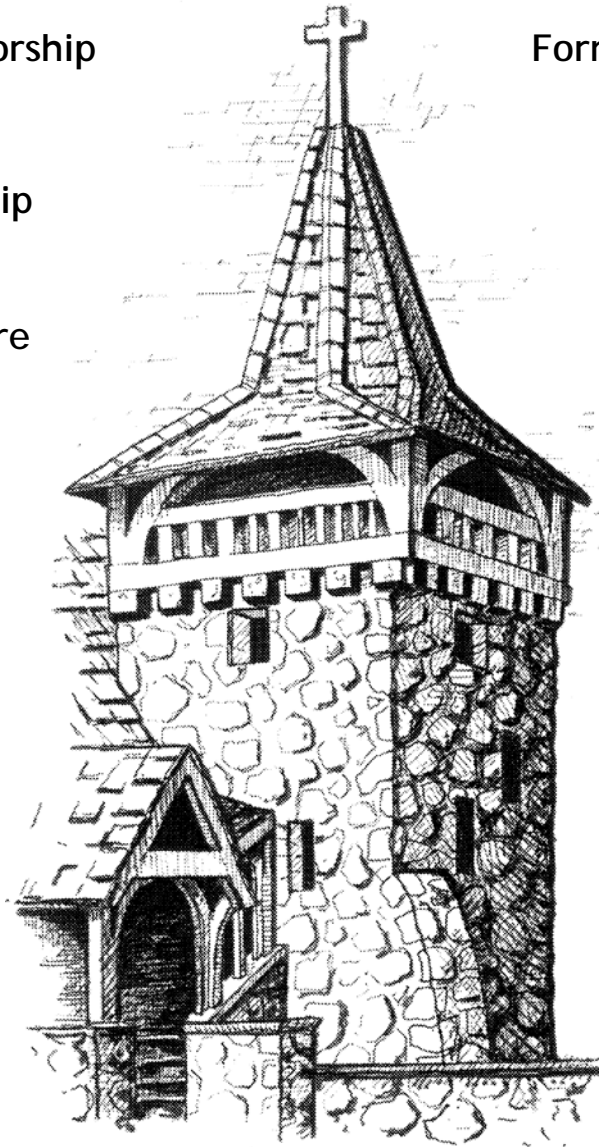
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today
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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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 and the green Hymnal Supplement – Wonder, Love, and Praise.

Voluntary: Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele (Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness) Johannes Brahms

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. 400

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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)

Glorify 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 # 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

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 Book of Job (38:17, 34-41)

The Gradual Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b *Benedic, anima mea* **Prayer Book page # 735**

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir the antiphon.



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A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-10)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 385

DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:35-45)

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

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

The Sermon

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 Deacon says

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Justin, Michael, 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; especially in ____ 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, the unemployed, and those in prison, especially _____.

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.

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, either silently or aloud, for...

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, for ____ and for other thanksgivings we name silently or aloud....

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

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 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 anthem will be sung:

Cantate Domino (Come Ye With Joyfulness)

music: Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni
text: Psalm 149:1-2, tr. Francis Jackson

Cantate Domino, canticum novum:

Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum:

Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

Come ye with joyfulness, come, sing ye,

Sing a new song to your maker,

O praise him with the saintly congregation.

Israel, be joyful and glad in him,

Be joyful and glad in him who made Israel

And children of Sion be joyful, rejoice and be glad in your King.

Representatives of the congregation would in non-pandemic 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 and sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No. 478

MONK'S GATE

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 or similar 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. 302

RENDEZ A DIEU

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Prayer Book page # 365

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 people then stand and sing

The Final Hymn No. 450

CORONATION

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Voluntary: Herzlich Thut Mich Erfreuen (My Faithful Heart Rejoices)

Johannes Brahms

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

The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary, And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. + Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the LORD. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join us outside for coffee following both services.

The Altar flowers are given by Nancy Pierson in thanksgiving for her sister – Marcy Pierson.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by Beth Smith-Kellock in memory of her mother – Olive Gerry.

Announcements for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

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.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will be gathering at 6:00 p.m. on **WEDNESDAY**, October 20th at Nano Cafe, 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre - 626-325-3334. 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, October 21st, from 9:00-10:00 AM) We have started a new book – [The Mystery of Faith](#), by John-Francis Friendship. The Forum has resumed meeting in person in the Rector's Office.

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.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):
10/18 – 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;
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