

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



18 October 2020

A Morning Service
10:00 am

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Morning Prayer: Rite II

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The Opening Rite

Voluntary *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ (Setting I)* Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. - *Psalms 96:8*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together,

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate *Psalms 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 99:1-7, 9



Antiphon: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

- 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." *Antiphon*
- 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.
- 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. *Antiphon*

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever | shall be,*
world without end. A - | men. *Antiphon*

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle A

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people. .

The Stewardship Epistle

Cliff Cutler

Hymn #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig von Beethoven Used by permission RiteSong.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Discernment

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing. **Amen.**

For Mission

God, whose holy name defies our definition but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed: Make us one with all who cry for justice, that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers and Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Offertory Hymn #594

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Words: Henry Emerson Fosdick

Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes Used with permission RiteSong

The Concluding Rite

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you
humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all
whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all
the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his

Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Voluntary Allein zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Larry Kamp

Hannah Larrabee

The Reverend Cliff Cutler

Allison Mascolo

Jason Stonehouse

Officiant and Preacher

Organist

Lector

Epistler

Intercessor

Digital Verger

Conversations on Race

The Vestry invites you to join us in deepening our commitment to racial justice. We have a series of virtual cottage meetings planned for this week with the intent of sharing our stories and experiences around racial identity and our experiences of living in a culture of white supremacy. These meetings will be lead by a vestry member and will be a sacred time of sharing and listening as we discern communally where the Holy Spirit is leading us next. Please sign up for a time slot. Faithfully, Brian Fizer

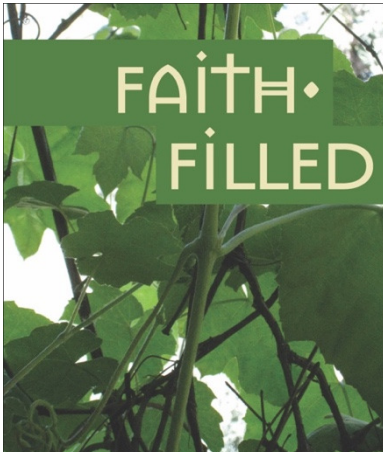
Nosferatu Silent Movie

Although we can't gather in the Church to hear Ryan Patten accompany the movie "Nosferatu," we can huddle around our computers and tvs as this year's concert is streamed on Vimeo. Starting now, you can click this link to get access to this wonderful event. All the proceeds from the rental (\$15) go to the mission of Grace Church.

Season of Stewardship has Begun

Taking care of and sharing our blessings is a lifelong practice. As with all spiritual practices, the Church sets aside time for communal and intentional reflection and formation. From October 4 through November 15, we will be taking time to consider the gift of generosity, for it is a spiritual gift instilled in us all. During this time, we will hear reflections and sermons on this theme. You will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Chair, Tom Gaither (who is also our Senior Warden). Enclosed in this letter will be a “pledge card,” our commitment of sharing our financial resources with Grace Church during 2021. This card is also a declaration of the faith and trust we have in God’s own generosity. Here is this week’s reflection:

Give to God the things that are God’s



GENEROSITY

For reflection

- How does practicing your faith help you recognize all the gifts God has given you?
- How are you giving to God the things that are God’s through your time, talent and your treasure?

By The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Once again in today’s gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it’s unlawful to pay the tax, he’ll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — give to God the things that are God’s. What exactly IS God’s? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to give to God the things that are God’s: God gave us God’s son, God’s first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God’s first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity

God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce is the Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Her ministry focuses heavily on stewardship, financial sustainability and New Community development.

Blessing of Trick or Treaters

Although not everyone might feel safe going out trick-or-treating, that doesn't mean that we don't want to see you in your Halloween costume and to give you a blessing for Halloween and All Saints. On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, at this our 10:00 am morning service, we ask that you wear either your Halloween costume or dress as one of the saints so that we can see you on Zoom, and then as we renew our baptismal covenant, receive a saintly blessing.

Rector's Time Off

Debbie will be away from October 19th through November 2. There will Evening Prayer and Bible Study on October 21, but not on the 28th. The Reverend Manny Faria will officiate at Celtic Evensong on October 25 and November 1. Debbie will officiate and preach at the 10 am service on the 25th and the Reverend Cliff Cutler will officiate and preach on All Saints' Day.

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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.