



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Opening Songs**

*King of Kings*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who come  
To the Father are restored

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings!

*Ever Love*

In the moments I feel so alone  
When I question what's real  
and I wannacome home  
When I take the wrong track and think  
How can I turn back  
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

Ever love ever near  
ever strength when are fearful  
Ever good ever light  
For in him there is no darkness  
Ever near ever real  
However lonely we may feel  
Ever God Ever King  
In Whom we trust our burdenings  
Ever Love

And He loved me so much  
He sent His only son  
Leaving the Ninety nine  
To be Savior of the one  
When I take the wrong track and think  
How can I turn back  
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

Ever love ever near  
ever strength when are fearful  
Ever good ever light

For in him there is no darkness  
Ever near ever real  
However lonely we may feel  
Ever God Ever King  
In Whom we trust our burdenings  
Ever Love!

### Opening Acclamation

*Leader* The world belongs to God  
*All* **the earth and all its people.**

*Leader* How good it is, how wonderful  
*All* **to live together in unity.**

*Leader* Love and mercy come together;  
*All* **justice and peace join hands.**

*Leader* Open our lips, O God,  
*All* **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

### Collect of the Day

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Clergy* 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.**

### Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among

you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

### **Psalm 96:1-9**

- 1      Sing to the Lord a new song;  
      sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2      Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
      proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3      Declare his glory among the nations  
      and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4      For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
      he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5      As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
      but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6      Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
      Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7      Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
      ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8      Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
      bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9      Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
      let the whole earth tremble before him.

### **Gospel Song**

From the breaking of the dawn  
      To the setting of the sun  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
      Through this dark and troubled land  
      You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on every promise of Your word  
      Grace sufficient grace for me  
      Grace for all who will believe  
We will stand on every promise of Your word

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then 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.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

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## 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.

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* Let us pray to the Lord who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*(A brief silence)*

Enliven the Church for its mission: In our Parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marcellus and their priest, the Rev. Steven Moore; and the people of Grace Episcopal Church, Mexico and their priest, the Rev. Holly Eden. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Misión San Lucas Evangelista, in San Miguel, and Mario and Francisca Peraza, their Lay Missioners. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of this Diocese of Central New York and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Episcopal Church and for our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need.

*People* **that we may reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Leader* Lead this and every nation into ways of justice and peace,

*People* **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Leader* Inspire with your wisdom, those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

*People*      **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Leader*      Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it,  
*People*      **teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Leader*      Restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those we name now \_\_\_\_\_,  
*People*      **may they know the power of your healing love.**

*Leader*      We remember with thanksgiving, those who have died, especially those we name now \_\_\_\_\_,  
*People*      **Give comfort to those who mourn, bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Leader*

Lord you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Music for Reflection**

#### *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me  
where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper  
than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

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And keep my eyes above the waves  
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My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Prayer for mission**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.**

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

### **Blessing**

*Clergy* Now may God,  
who gives seed to the sower  
and grain to the reaper,  
provide all that we need  
so that we may produce a rich harvest  
of faith, love, justice, and joy  
for the good of the earth and its people  
and to the glory of God.  
And the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

be with you all now and evermore.  
*All* **Amen.**

**Closing Song**

*Sing Sing Sing*

(We will) sing sing sing  
And make music with the heavens  
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

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And make music with the heavens  
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You  
Heaven and earth adore You  
Kings and kingdoms bow down  
Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

You are the love that frees us  
You are the light that leads us  
Like a fire burning  
Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

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And make music with the heavens  
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus!

**Dismissal**

*Clergy* Reconciled to God, made a new creation in Christ, and anointed by the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Additional sources for today's liturgy:*  
A New Zealand Prayer Book  
Iona Abbey Worship Book  
Prayer for Sundays and Seasons

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