



**The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020**

Welcome

Prelude

Old Hundredth

Henry Purcell

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn 450
(vs. 1,2,3,6)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
The God incarnate Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

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.**

Glory to God

Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Psalm 1

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Hymn 602

Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the
neighbors we have from you

Kneels from the feet of his friends,
silently washed their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Chorus

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Chorus

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
all are neighbors to us and you

Chorus

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

Chorus

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Moravia and their priest, the Rev. Perry Moncey; and the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Berlin and their priest, the Rev. Steve White. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Santiago de Jerusalén, in El Carmen, Usulután, and their priest, The Rev. Antonio López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church in Wales and their archbishop, the Most Rev. John Davies. 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

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God

J.S. Bach

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.**

Hymn

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Hymn 556
(vs. 1-5)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as warriors, through the darkness toil,
till dawn the golden day.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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.**

Postlude

O Thou of God the Father

J.S. Bach

Additional source for today's liturgy:

A New Zealand Prayer Book

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Prayer for Sundays and Seasons

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