

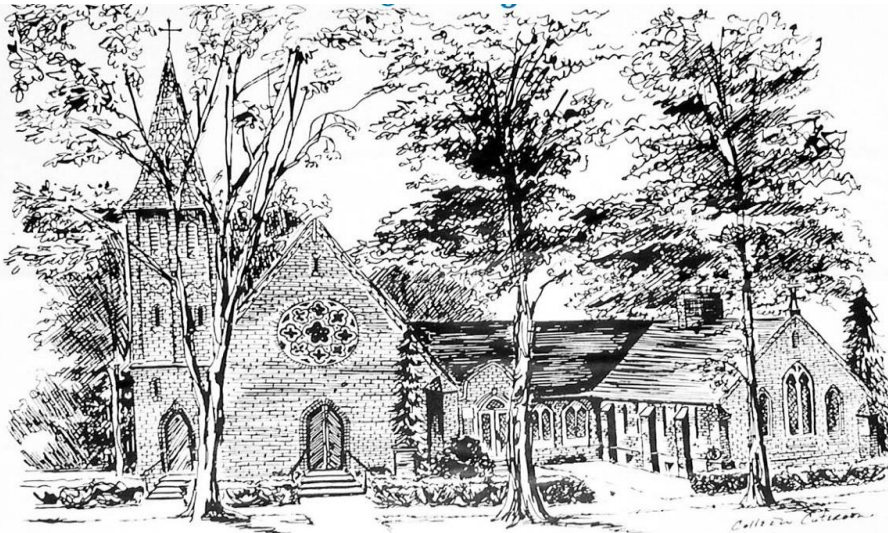
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## Service of Morning Prayer

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25A  
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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# SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

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### OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:***

***You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.***

***Forgive us, Holy God.***

***Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.***

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

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

### THE JUBILATE Psalm 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.

#### THE PSALM – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
**from age to age you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
**"Go back, O child of earth."**
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
**and like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
**be gracious to your servants.**
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
**and your splendor to their children.**
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
**prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

#### THE LESSONS

##### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING - Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land

of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**The First Song of Isaiah** Isaiah 12:2-6

***Surely, it is God who saves me:\****

***I will trust in him and not be afraid.***

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,\*  
and he will be my Savior.***

***Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing\*  
from the springs of salvation.***

***And on that day you shall say,\****

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***

***Make his deeds known among the peoples:\****

***see that they remember that his Name is exalted.***

***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,\*  
and this is known in all the world.***

***Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,\****

***for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\****

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**THE EPISTLE 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

**The Song of the Redeemed** Revelation 15:3-4

***O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,\*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\*  
O King of all the ages.***

***Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name?\****

***for you only are the Holy One.***

***All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**ORGAN MEDITATION**

*Jesus Spreads His Banner O'er Us*

Tune: Autumn

**THE GOSPEL - Matthew 22:34-46**

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.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**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 be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Called to serve God and our neighbor, let us pray, in the name of Jesus, for all who are in any need or trouble, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may always experience the wonder and joy of loving and being loved by God. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that we may share the good news with one another, and live as signs of God's love. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For a greater sense of gratitude, that we may recognize all the ways that God has shown love for us, and be filled with awe and thankfulness for God's gifts. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the growth of peace in the hearts of the leaders of nations, and all in authority, that hatred and mistrust may give way to new ways of living together as neighbors. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all who have the coronavirus, and those who care for them, that God will heal and restore the sick and help those assisting them to be instruments of God's healing love. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For refugees, immigrants and all who live in a strange land, and for all those who are in need of our prayers ..... that they may find refuge and healing in God's care. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, remembering especially ....., that they may be welcomed by the Son God raised from the dead. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Simon and Jude the Apostles. and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Holy One we give praise and glory.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God, you established your Holy Law on the two commandments to love you and to love our neighbor; hear our prayers and grant that by keeping your precepts we may rejoice to enter your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

***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 ourselves 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.*

**THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above*

Tune: Amsterdam

**Altar Flowers this week are from Lynne & Dan Graham In Memory of Robert W. Blye.**

**Organist: Joyce Printz**

**Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy Seeger**