



*Seeking to love with the heart of Christ,
think with the mind of Christ, and act in
the world as the Body of Christ*

**Liturgy of the Word
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020**

FLOWER DEDICATION

Flowers are given today by Mtr. Suz Cate to the glory of God and in honor of her son, David's and her father, Roy's birthdays.

PRELUDE

Fantasia - Johann Pachelbel

THE GATHERING RITE

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

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

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

¹Moses 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, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The 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.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua 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.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He 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, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

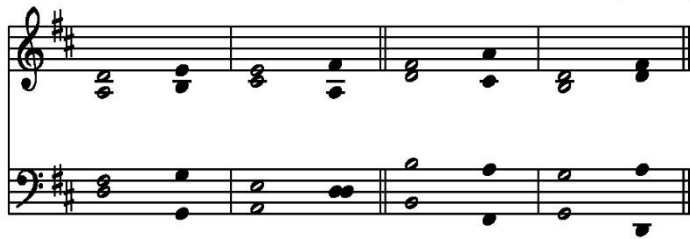
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

Jerome Webster Meachen

(b. 1930)



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I 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**.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3,8-10; 2:1-8

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

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

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues
us from the wrath that is coming.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but 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. ³For our

appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but 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. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So 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.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON

Mtr. Suz Cate

THE NICENE CREED

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

In the company of blessed Mary the Mother of God and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy Church of God:

 For Andrew, the bishop of Upper South Carolina

 For the Diocese of Haiti, especially for our brothers and sisters in Cange and Bois Joli
That the Body of Christ throughout the world may love the Lord our God with all its heart and
soul and mind and may exemplify the love of God in all areas of its life.

We pray to you, O Christ:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world:

 Especially for those who suffer from wildfires, hurricanes, and floods

That the leaders of the nations may care for aliens and immigrants, the indigent and the
oppressed, all victims of economic exploitation.

We pray to you, O Christ:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our nation:

 For those who devote their labor to promoting justice and peace

 For the President, the Congress, and the courts

That they may be honest and vigilant in their duties and that their hearts may be converted
toward working for justice and the common good.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our communities, that all may see and know the light of Christ through the example of our lives as we devote ourselves to love of God and love of neighbor.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish:

For our clergy and the vestry

For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Jan Cribb, Faye Johnson, Jere duBois, Mary Beth Johnstone, Celia Jane Robb, Robert Burington and Molly Tindal.

That the word of the Lord may sound forth from among us and that we may be an effective example in the faith and joy of the Holy Spirit.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in any kind of need or trouble, especially remembering:

All students, faculty and staff of schools and universities.

For health care workers and all first responders.

For hospice care workers.

Those who seek gainful employment

Those beloved of this parish, especially Dot and Bill, Violet, Jude, Roy and Charlotte, John Gautsch, Frieda Wald, Luther and Dorothy, Michele Stefanyak, Beverly, Ahlam and her family, Melanie, George, Clifford and Kim.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for all the blessings of this life, especially for thanksgivings for all who are recovering and have recovered from COVID-19.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, that the Lord who has broken the power of death may bring all the faithful departed, especially Norma, Ava and Christopher Jeffries to the feast of life.

We pray to you, O Christ:
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Officiant concludes with this prayer:

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Open our hearts to the movement of your Holy Spirit as we discern how to use these gifts to honor your Name, build up your Church, and serve the world, that on the last day we may be found as faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN *Father all loving* (H568)

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,
 2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,
 4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
 shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
 lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;
 bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,
 stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,
 stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,
 may we a - dore thee for time and c - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.
 tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.
 flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.
 Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

Officiant Let us pray in the words ur Savior taught us.
People **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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Priest blesses the people.

POSTLUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above ("Mit freuden zart") - arr. by Hal H. Hopson*

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