



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M.

Gathering Music (*The gathering music at 9:30 a.m. will be sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen.*)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise (*9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen*)

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah (45:1–7)

Commentary:

One point that is stressed throughout Isaiah is this: God alone can predict and bring about the future. In this passage, God referred to Cyrus as His 'anointed', a title usually reserved for Israel's prophets, priests and kings. The Israelites thought of their anointed leaders as those God raised up to accomplish His purposes. By calling the pagan king Cyrus His anointed, God was teaching Israel that He was Lord of every nation and could use whomever He chose to achieve His desired result, which in this case was the deliverance of His people. God creates all things, including the darkness and the light. He allows bad things to happen for His own reasons, as well as good things, but God does not cause people to make morally evil decisions.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.*

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

ANTIPHON

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

ANTIPHON

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

ANTIPHON

A reading from Thessalonians (1:1–10)

Commentary:

Thessalonica was the capital, and largest city, in the Roman province of Macedonia. Paul first visited Thessalonica during his second missionary journey. He taught in the synagogue there and according to Acts 17:2-4, many believed the gospel. This epistle was written in response to reports Paul received about conditions in the Thessalonian church. Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians' faith, love and the hope that enabled them to stand firm in the face of persecution. The Thessalonians had not just heard the gospel, they were living it out, and their good reputation had spread throughout the region. The Thessalonians' motivation for holy living was the desire to be ready to meet the Lord Jesus at His return.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15–22)

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

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

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.**

The Homily

The Reverend Mollie Roberts
Canon for Diocesan Life and Leadership, Diocese of East Carolina

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.	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 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.	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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:
Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and 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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo: *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus *(Celebrant and People)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Communion of the People.

Communion Music *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Post-Communion Prayer *(Celebrant and People)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: *The Reverend Pierce Klemmt*

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