



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST:

SUNDAY 25 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 Leviticus (19:1–2,15–18)

Commentary:

Leviticus, the third book in the Old Testament, is a continuation of the narrative in Exodus, there is no break in the flow of thought. Most of the laws in Leviticus applied to all Israel, although a few sections were specifically for the priests, who were Levites. All the commandments in this part of the book spring from the central thought in verse 2: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. In ancient Israel, civic and political life were to be regulated by an underlying religious principle. God's intention was for His people to develop and practice correct attitudes as well as correct actions.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: *Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.*

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!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

ANTIPHON

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.
It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

ANTIPHON

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

ANTIPHON

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (2:1–8)

Commentary:

Paul wrote this epistle to encourage the Thessalonian believers and he also wanted to correct misinformation about himself that was being circulated by some of his critics. Paul reminded the Thessalonians of the motivation for his ministry, which was the desire, above all, to please God. He did this to strengthen their confidence in him and to counteract the effects of accusations that may have been directed against him. Paul stated that his message was true, his motives pure and his methods straightforward. Paul had acted as God's faithful servant and his life and ministry powerfully demonstrated love for God and neighbor.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34–36)

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.**

The Homily

The Reverend Pierce Klemmt

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.

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.

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 Cheryl Brainard*

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