

Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith by connecting to God and others while reaching out with love

## Proper 24 October 18, 2020

# Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

## A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

**Opening Song 408** Sing praise to God who reigns above 1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra-cious mer-cy 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of keep-eth; by morn - ing glow eve - ning shade his watch-ful or who know glo - ry; let all his power pro-claim loud the а sal va - tion; with heal - ing balm soul he fills, and our my sleep-eth. With - in ne'er the king - dom of his might, eye **lo**! each false i - dol won - drous sto - ry! Cast from its throne, the glo - ry. ev - ery faith - less God all praise and mur-mur stills: to All is just God all praise and and all is right: to glo - ry. Lord is God, and he a - lone: God all praise and glo - ry. to

## **Opening Acclamation**

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

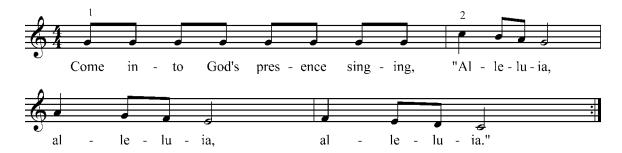
## **Collect for Purity**

*Presider* Let us pray together.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### **Song of Praise** (sing each verse once)

Cantor will sing the first verse alone once. Congregation joins the second time.



Come into God's presence singing Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

PresiderMay God be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# The Ministry of the Word

## **First Reading**

## Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 99

- 1. The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2. The Lord is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.
- 3. Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.
- 4. "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* he is the Holy One.
- 6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8. "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \* for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## **Second Reading**

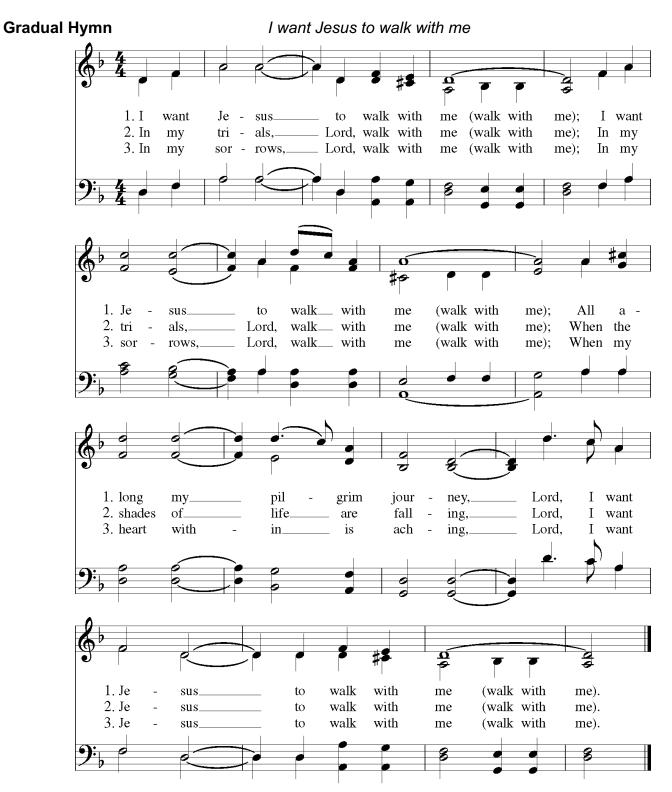
## Thessalonians 1:1-10

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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.



# *Presider* 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.

PresiderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.

## Hymn



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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

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Presider	Let us join our hearts and pray for all the world.
Leader <b>People</b>	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.
Leader <b>People</b>	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; <b>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</b>
Leader <b>People</b>	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the baptized; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader <b>People</b>	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; <b>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</b>
Leader	We pray especially for Jeremy and Ken; Maggie; Mertya; Richard, Meg, Sarah, Robert, Kevin and Brian, members of our parish family, and for this community. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People	That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Leader Parish Prayer List, and those affected by Covid-19 and the wildfires; People That they may be delivered from their distress. Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for those we name now: and Leader for Tom Espinoza. Let light perpetual shine upon them. People Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence Leader Praving together. All O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Silence

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.

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

## The Peace

PresiderMay the peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

## The Offertory

*Presider* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21* 

Offertory Music

A Chloris Rob Evans, saxophone Reynaldo Hahn

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## In Gathering and Prayer over our Pledge Cards

- *Presider* All things come of you O God.
- People And of your own have we given you.
- *Presider* Let us pray.
- All Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and lifegiving: our stewardship pledges are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as best as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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- Presider All things come of you, O God,
- *People* and of your own have we given you.
- Presider May God be with you.
- People And also with you.
- PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.
- PresiderLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

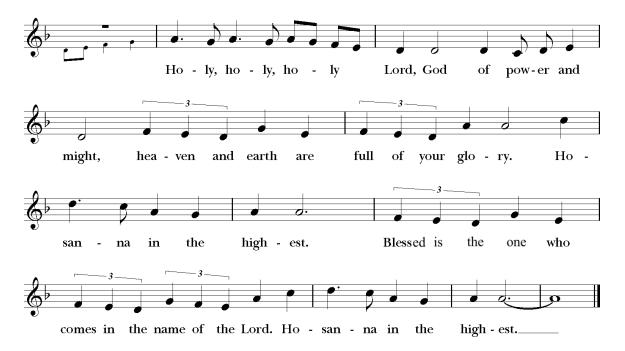
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with Angels and Archangels

and with all the company of heaven,

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

## All We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in harmony with your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary the God-Bearer, Blessed Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:

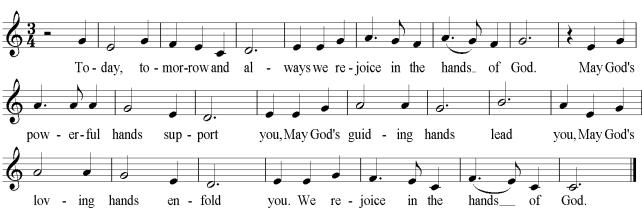
PresiderAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### Announcements

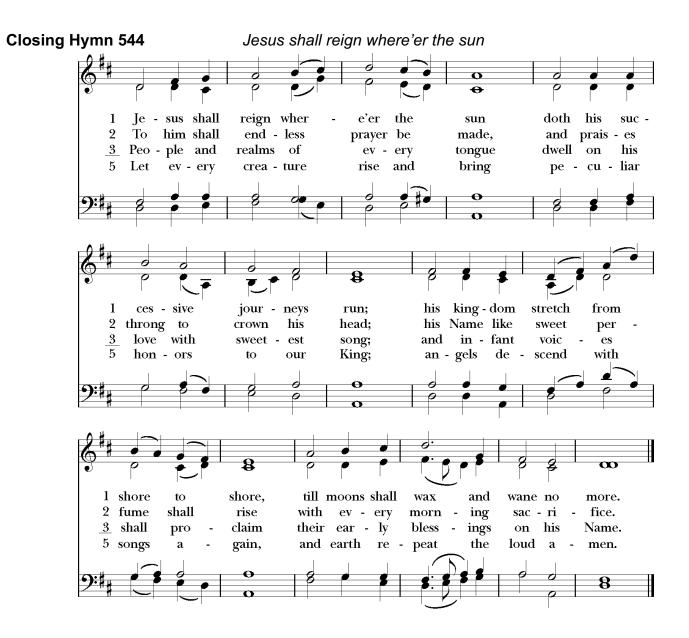
#### Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones



## The Hands of God

#### **Final Blessing**

Presider The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.** 



#### Dismissal

- *Presider* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
- People Thanks be to God.

# **Prayer List**

Nancy	Pat
Altrina	Rick
Phyllis I.	Bob
Klaus	Teresa
Sally & Cary	Paula
Glenn	Jeff
Jennifer M.	Grace
Jim	Joy
Kirk	Amy
Jake & Family	Kathie
Carl	John
Becky	Shelly
Karen	Julie
Mark	Matthew
Kenny	Dave
Len	Pat
Peggy	John
Pauline	Rosella
Eloise	John
Katherine	Kris' family
Violaine	Betty
Jennifer	Bev
Pam	Mike
Mary Pat	Amy
Chris	Meg
Carmel	Rick
Cammy	Chaz
Robyn	Marcos
Skip	Jim
Rev. Steve	Jordan
Sasha	Dick

## Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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