

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 18TH, 2020

10:00AM

Church of the Messiah



# THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**      *EINGANG UND FUGE (UBER HAYDN'S GOTT ERHALTE FRANZ DE KAISER")*      *Played by Joyce Dery*

*Music: arr. Rudolph Bibl (1832-1902)*

**PRAYER OF MEDITATION**

*The Rev. Jim Lee*

*Priest*      Let us pray.

O loving Lord, be near us in this time of worship, especially during this time of physical distancing. Open our ears to hear your voice, open our eyes to behold your glory, open our hearts to receive your grace, and open our lips to show forth your praise, now and always. *Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*The Hymnal 1982 #372, Played by Joyce Dery  
Sung by David Sheridan*

## PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD

*Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.  
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!*

*Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.*

*Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.*

*Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; Translators: Max Landsberg, 1845-1928 and Newton M. Mann, 1836-1926; Tune: LEONI; Hebrew melody, adapted*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Priest*

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.*

## SALUTATION

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Priest*      Let us pray.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest*

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LESSON

*Read by Mark Fraley*

### EXODUS 33: 12-23

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

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."

*Lector*                      THE WORD OF THE LORD  
*People*                      THANKS BE TO GOD

PSALM 99; *DOMINUS REGNAVIT*

- 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.

## 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

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.

*Lector*                    THE WORD OF THE LORD  
*People*                    THANKS BE TO GOD

## HYMN

*The Hymnal 1982 #591, Played by Joyce Dery  
Sung by David Sheridan*

## O GOD OF EARTH AND ALTAR

*O God of earth and altar, Bow down and hear our cry, Our earthly rulers falter,  
Our people drift and die; The walls of gold entomb us, The swords of scorn divide,  
Take not thy thunder from us, But take away our pride.*

*From all that terror teaches, From lies of tongue and pen, From all the easy speeches  
That comfort cruel men, From sale and profanation, Of honour and the sword,  
From sleep and from damnation, Deliver us, good Lord.*

*Tie in a living tether The prince and priest and thrall, Bind all our lives together,  
Smite us and save us all; In ire and exultation, Aflame with faith, and free,  
Lift up a living nation, A single sword to thee.*

*Author: Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1874-1936; Tune: KING'S LYNN  
Hymn Adapter: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

MATTHEW 22: 15-22

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People

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW  
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.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD  
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

SERMON

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

*A period of silent reflection follows.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Sung by David Sheridan*

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When the shades of life are falling, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;  
In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart within is aching, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*Words: Traditional spiritual; Music: Traditional, arr. Cary Haywood (b. 1949)*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Read by Mark Fraley & Sarah Brindle*

*Leader*

We give thanks this morning for those moved by the Holy Spirit to reach out to people feeling isolated and lonely during this pandemic, and pray that we may deepen our interconnectedness during this season of social fasting.

We continue to pray for those we have lost to COVID-19 these last six months, and we give thanks for all essential workers who risk their lives to keep the rest of us safe and healthy.

We pray for 22 million people in the US who are unemployed, and for people struggling to survive throughout this long season of public health, social, and economic uncertainty.

We pray for our homeless sisters and brothers, that they may receive housing, food, healthcare, and dignity, especially in this time of pandemic. We pray for those at risk of eviction.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church and for the Most Rev. Michael Curry.

We pray for those in our community who have asked for prayers:

*Martha and Bob Streutker*

We continue to pray for those named in the Ongoing Prayer list and for those we hold in our hearts. The parish is invited to offer additional petitions and Thanksgivings either silently or out loud. God hears them all.

*A period of silence is observed.*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Read by Sarah Brindle*

*Leader*

O God, you made us in your image and created us in love. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which contaminate our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; and guide us to work through our struggles and confusions to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*All say together:*

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.

## ABSOLUTION

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

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

*People* Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

*Priest* Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”  
Let us therefore greet one another in the name of the Lord:  
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Rev. Jim Lee*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name, *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* Now in the language of our own choice, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us,

*Together*

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.

## BLESSING

*The Rev. Jim Lee*

*Priest* The Lord bless you and keep you: *Amen.*

*Priest* The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: *Amen.*

*Priest* The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace: *Amen.*

*Priest* And the blessing of God ... . *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*The Hymnal 1982 #556, Played by Joyce Dery  
Sung by David Sheridan*

### REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART!

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*Your clear hosannas raise. and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. (Refrain)*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)*

*Author: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1821-1891; Tune: MARION  
Composer: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1834-1916*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Rev. Jim Lee*

*Priest*                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*                            Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Abel E. Lopez, Rector*

## FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Continued thanks to all who continue to contribute to these online Liturgical offerings.  
A special thanks to all our liturgical leaders with their myriad of talents.*

*Soli Deo gloria!*

