

Bulletin for October 25

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to our online worship. The service begins with a slideshow prelude around 10:15. Music in the slideshow is from our archives or from a creative commons source. All music is used by permission. (This long prelude helps us to make sure any glitches in the streaming are ironed out before the start of worship.)

Prelude

Tiento del Quinto Tono - Antonio de Cabezón

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better. We are glad you're here.

Call to Worship:

The Officiant greets the people with these words.

Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. As we gather, you are invited to light a candle in your own home.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Confession

As we worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we are reconciled to God and each other.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.**

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Opening Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Hymnal 1982 #423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymal*, 1906, alt.

The Collect of the Day

The collect is a prayer traditionally used to help us prepare to hear the Word of God proclaimed in Scripture.

Let us Pray.

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 Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Following an ancient pattern originally from Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set calendar for what will be read when.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The Lord showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.

Then the Lord said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."

Then Moses, the Lord's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the Lord's command. The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit.

Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over.

Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the Lord commanded Moses.

No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the Lord face-to-face! That's not even to mention all those signs and wonders that the Lord sent Moses to do in Egypt—

to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to his entire land— as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel’s own eyes!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 99) ST. HELENA PSALTER

God reigns; let the people tremble;
God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion
and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God’s Name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

“O mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
and fall down before your footstool;
you are the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name,
they called upon you, and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

“O Holy God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of our God
and worship on God’s holy hill,
for our God is the Holy One.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 22:34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He replied, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.*"

Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"David's son," they replied.

He said, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, *The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool'*? If David calls him Lord, how can he be David's son?" Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

Anthem: God of the Women

Unison

1. God of the wo - men who an - swered your call
 2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way
 3. God of the wo - men long put to the test

Trust - ing your pro - mis - es giv - ing their all
 Giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray
 Left out of stor - ies for - got - ten, op - pressed,

Wo - men like Sa - rah and Ha - nah and Ru - th
 Ma - ry Jo - an - na Su - san - ah and mo - re
 Qu - et - ly ask - ing who smiled at my bi - rth

Give us their cour - age to live in your truth
 May we give free - ly as they did be - fore
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth

4. God of the women who ran from the tomb,
 Prayed with the others in that upper room,
 Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
 May we so gladly proclaim you today.

5. O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
 May we be joyful in answering your call.
 Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
 That we may share in your ministry here.

Text: The Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette from her book "Gifts of Love"
 Tune: *Slane* Traditional

Prayer for Stewardship

Holy Communion's annual campaign for giving is ongoing. Today we will bless the pledges that have been gathered. If you haven't yet pledged, there still is time.

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers for the church throughout the world. For our companion relationships with [Cristosal](#) and the people and church in El Salvador; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **The people and ministry of St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard in Ste. Genevieve**. Pray for the Church.

I invite your prayers for our nation, for the upcoming election. I invite your prayers for all those in authority in our own communities and across this world. Pray for justice and good governance.

I invite your prayers for the earth that God has given us, that we might steward and protect the land and all its inhabitants. Pray for the earth.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week: Fran Caradonna, Heidi Olliff, Hal Parker, Daphne Barnhart, Helen Burton, Beverly White; and for the birth of Linda Rose Goldstein on October 12. And for those celebrating anniversaries. For what do you give thanks to God?

I invite your prayers of petition for those in any need or trouble, for all affected by the coronavirus. Pray for your own needs, and those of others.

I invite your prayers that whole cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Pray for those who have died.

O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro
pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a
los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amén**

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See announcements](#)

Concluding Prayers

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Unidos

U - ni - dos, un - i - dos, en tu nom - bre u - ni - dos. U - ni - dos, un -
 To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your name, we gath - er. — To - geth - er, to -

i - dos, en tu nom - bre u - ni - dos. Pues en es - te mun - do — paz y a -
 geth - er, in your name, we gath - er. — Then we'll have — in this world peace and

mor — ten - dre - mos. — Pues en es - te mun - do — paz y a - mor — ten -
 love — a - round us. — Then we'll have — in this world peace and love — a -

dre - mos. — U - ni - dos, siem - pre u - ni - dos, to - mán - do - nos las
 round us. — To - geth - er we're u - nit - ed; we hold hands as we

ma - nos i - re - mos por el mun - do can - tan - do al a - mor. —
 strug - gle; we walk in - to the world sing - ing God's song of love. —

La glo - ria de Je - sus, — al fin res - plan - de - ce -
 The glo - ry of Je - sus will ev - er shine — in

1.
 rá — Y el mun - do lle - na - rá — de a - mor y de paz, —
 splen - dor. The whole world will be joy - ful with love — and peace, —

2.
 paz, — de a - mor y de paz, — de a - mor y de paz, —
 peace, — with love — and peace, — with love — and peace, —

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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