



**October 18, 2020**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**

**Piano**

**Processional**

*"Jesus Shall Reign Where're The Sun" (vs 1,2,5)*

**Hymnal 544**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

***Greetings by Fr. Steve***

## **The Liturgy of The Word**

**BCP 355**

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

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant: 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.***

## **The Gloria (*spoken*)**

**BCP 356**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

## **The Collect Of The Day**

**BCP 234**

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 First Lesson**

***A Reading from Isaiah 45:1-7***

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

...

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.

...

I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.

...

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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96:1-9** *Cantate Domino*

**BCP 725**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**The Second Lesson**

***A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7, 10***

**The Epistle**

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.

...

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.

...

Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Processional**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs 1,2)*

**Hymnal 376**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

## **The Gospel**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People:** ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

### **Matthew 22:15-22**

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.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **Gospel Recessional**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs 3)*

## **Hymnal 376**

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

*A moment of reflection follows*

**Announcements**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**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 worshipped 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-**

**NZ BCP**

(All standing, as he/she is able)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear us, when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for The Diocese of Texas, for St. Christopher's and All of Your Church.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

**that each of us will act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those we have lost, whose example inspires and encourages us.

Father, we pray that you shall give comfort to those who mourn.

**We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

**Celebrant:** Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. **BCP 360**

*A Brief Silence Is Kept*

**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 Absolution** **BCP 360**

**Celebrant:** 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**Newcomers / Birthdays / Anniversaries / Deployments**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

BCP 377

**Celebrant:** Offer to God, as you can, a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)*

### Offertory Hymn

Piano

*(The Priest prepares the Table)*

### Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

*The priest, and the People sing*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People say, together:*

**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 Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. *Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit* to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*A brief silence is kept.*

## **Communion Hymn** “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus” (vs 1-3) **SOP 37**

1 I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
no turning back, no turning back!

2 Though none go with me, still I will follow.  
though none go with me, still I will follow.  
though none go with me, still I will follow.  
no turning back, no turning back!

3 The cross before me, the world behind me.  
the cross before me, the world behind me.  
the cross before me, the world behind me.  
no turning back, no turning back!

## **Communion Hymn** “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” (vs 1-4) **SOP 239**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (*Chorus*)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (*Chorus*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one. (*Chorus*)

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

### **The Blessing**

**BCP 339**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn** “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” (*vs 1,2,5,6*) **Hymnal 680**

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

### **The Dismissal**

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **Postlude**

### **Organ**



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