

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Simple Saturday Service  
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2020

**Opening Prayers**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

**The Prayer of the Day (The Collect)**

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.*

**A reading from the Book of 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's 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 on 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.

### **A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (1:1-10)**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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## **The Gospel**

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-22).

***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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Peggy Schnack

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

As we pray through our Parish List, we lift the following people to you:

Trisha Sweeney; Sarah, Aaron & Brady Szafran & Caleb & Gavin Hawkins;  
Wayne & Karen Tam; Jordan Taylor; Ken & Mary Taylor; Jerry & Holly Tepe; Sue Theuner;  
Paul Thorington; Howard Thorpe; Richard & Joyce Thorpe

We give you thanks for each of them,

***and ask for your blessing on their lives.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble: especially today ...

Please add the names of anyone you may be holding in your heart today...

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially today ...

in whose memory altar flowers have been given.

Please add the names of anyone whose loss you may be grieving today...

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*The People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

***Amen.***

### **Collect for Hope and Renewal**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
A people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer  
and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

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

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

***Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.***

### **The Confession**

***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 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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (adapted from St. Augustine's Prayerbook)

O Most blessed Savior,  
together with the faithful of every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father,  
we desire to offer you our praises and thanksgivings.  
We present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you.  
And since we cannot now receive you in the sacraments,  
we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts,  
and we unite ourselves to you and embrace you,  
O Jesus, with all the love of our souls.  
COME, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts.

*Amen.*

**The Blessing and Dismissal**