

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Charles Wesley, Carl G. Glaser, Lowell Mason

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv’n, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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

People ***And blessed be His 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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Gloria in Excelsis

All ***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.

The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in Your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading, Malachi 3:6-12. The unchanging God calls His people to return to Him by bringing Him their tithes and offerings and so experience His blessing. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi:

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 96

Let us read this responsively by half verse.

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; *
 sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; *
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honor to the nations, *

- and his wonders to all peoples.*
- 4 For the Lord is great, and highly 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 Glory and majesty are before him; *
power and honor are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, *
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, “The Lord is King; *
it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
- 13 For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Psalmist The Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Thanks be to God.*

The Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. The Thessalonians are encouraged that their faith is genuine, as it has been proven not only through knowledge, but through the great works of the Holy Spirit in their midst. A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord

sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Alleluia! Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

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

The Gospel, Matthew 22:15-22.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Alleluia! Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

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Sermon

The Rev. Owen Lyons

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; and Clark, our Bishop; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Baton Rouge, LA. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

All ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Almighty and immortal God, giver of life and health: We implore in your mercy to stop the spread of COVID-19; healing for all infected by the virus, that

by your blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them with your healing gifts, they may be restored to health of body and mind, according to your gracious will, and may give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in His holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

All ***Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory

Offertory Song, “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Author unknown

I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong. I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toils and snares; if I falter, Lord who cares. Who with me my burden shares; none but Thee, dear Lord none but Thee. (*Chorus*)

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more. Guide me gently, safely o'er, to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. (*Chorus*)

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. All things come from You, O Lord,

People ***And of Your own have we given You.*** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him You make all things new.

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:

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is Yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and He instituted, and in His Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in Your great goodness, we ask You to bless and sanctify, with Your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me.”

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial Your Son commanded us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and His promise to come again.

And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him.

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.*

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

All ***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 Fraction

Celebrant *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Ministration of Communion

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.

“O Come To the Altar”

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock

Are you hurting and broken within overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Chorus O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there’s no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (*Chorus x2*)

Communion Hymn, “This Is My Father’s World”

Franklin L. Sheppard, Maltbie D. Babcock

This is my Father’s world and to my listening ears all nature sings and around me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees of skies and seas. His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world, He shines in all that’s fair. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass. He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world o let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong. God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done. Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and Heav’n be one.

“Holy Spirit Living Breath of God”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul; let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see, give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace; turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made; show Your power once again on earth. Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice that in unity the face of Christ, may be clear for all the world to see.

“What a Beautiful Name”

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning. One with God the Lord Most High; Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ.

Chorus What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King; what a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want Heaven without us. So Jesus You brought heaven down. My sin was great Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King; what a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Bridge Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.

Bridge 2 You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom; Yours is the glory; Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ my King; what a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against; what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of Your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of Your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask You, heavenly Father, to assist us with Your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

Closing Hymn, “Revive Us Again”

William Paton Mackay, John Jenkins Husband

We praise Thee, O God for the Son of Thy love; for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Chorus Hallelujah Thine the glory, hallelujah, amen. Hallelujah Thine the glory, revive us again.

We praise Thee O God for Thy Spirit of light; who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. (*Chorus*)

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain. Who has borne all our sins and hath cleansed every stain. (*Chorus*)

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. (*Chorus*)

Words of Dismissal

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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