

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Henry J. Van Dyke, Edward Hodges

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the 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

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, flowery meadow, flashing seas
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
love Divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this:
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Alleluia!

People ***Amen.***

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The first lesson is from the Book of Genesis, chapter 2, beginning to read at verse 18.

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

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

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 10, beginning to read at verse 2.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ¹⁰ And in the house

the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm 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, 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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 worshipped 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 Steve, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be Your faithful ministers.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world. That the nations may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all peoples.

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

Psalmist Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

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

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or 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 Oak Forest Church, Houston, TX. 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 prayers.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west,

strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Offertory Song “Blessed assurance”

Fanny J. Crosby, Phoebe P. Knapp

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echos of mercy, whispers of love (Chorus)

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love (Chorus)

All sing ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People **He is.**
Celebrant This is our God.
People **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**
Celebrant We are His people.
People **We are redeemed.**
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.**

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious crowd, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“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.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You 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.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior 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, forever and ever. Amen.***

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,
People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***
Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.
People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***
Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.
People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Mystery”

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity
Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink – Jesus Mystery
Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

Communion Songs “Behold Him”

Mitch Wong, Paul Baloche

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold Him
He who heard humanity’s cry
Left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold Him

Chorus: Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost the lame
Even now He is in our midst
Behold Him
He who chose a criminal’s end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him (Chorus)

Bridge: Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy

“God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)”

Aaron Keyes, Peter James

God the uncreated One the Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned words to His design
The One who angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight

Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever king of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

“Oh Praise The Name”

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus: O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of Heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face (Chorus)

Post-Communion Prayer

All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies (May Jesus Christ Be Praised)”
Joseph Barnby, Robert Seymour Bridges

When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries
May Jesus Christ be praised
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair
May Jesus Christ be praised

Does sadness fill my mind
A solace here I find
May Jesus Christ be praised
Or fades my earthly bliss
My comfort still is this
May Jesus Christ be praised

Ye nations of mankind
In this your concord find
May Jesus Christ be praised
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound
May Jesus Christ be praised

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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