

**Morning Prayer for
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24**

October 18, 2020

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*Altar area in the Church of the Rotunda of St. George in Thessaloniki, Greece
See page 12 for more information about this photo.*

The flowers for today's worship are offered to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Steven Hansel by Steve and Teri Knudsen and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Robert and Barbara Srodulski.

The service begins on page 79 of The Book of Common Prayer. To prepare, gather with your household (including pets) and light a candle. Spend a few moments in silence and in prayerful reflection.

Opening Anthem *Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants* Martin How

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-RSCM Choristers' Prayer

All stand (or sit – whatever works best for your household). The Officiant says the opening scripture.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says: 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.

The Priest says: 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 Invitatory and Psalter (BCP p. 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.
All say together

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 99

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

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The Lord is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

Antiphon

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Antiphon

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

Antiphon

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Antiphon

The Lessons

The First Lesson: 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.”

After the Lesson the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

After the Reading, all say together

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 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 in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

After the Lesson the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

After the Reading, all say together

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
The Third Reading: 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.

After the Lesson the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Ven. Laurie Brock, Rector

Announcements for the Week of October 18, 2020

- 1. While we will not have an in-person All Souls Day service, we will have a service online, during which we will pray by name those from our parish who have died this year.** If you would like to include the name of a loved one who died since last All Souls Day 2019, please email Mtr. Laurie the name or call the Church Office with the name of your loved one by Wednesday, October 28th.
- 2. Trunk or Treat.** On Halloween (Saturday, October 31st) we’ll have Trunk or Treat in the parking lot with Coronavirus precautions. We’ll have 10 feet between cars, so to help us plan, please call or email the Church Office and let us know that you’re planning to participate. We also ask you have a card table at least 10 feet from where you’re standing (hopefully costumed). All treats will be placed on the table for little ghosties and goblins to pick up themselves. We’ll start at 6:00 pm, so to avoid driving when trick or treaters are present, please try to be in place and ready between 5:30 pm and 5:50 pm.
- 3. Next Sunday the Diocese will offer online worship.** We’ll join with the Diocese of Lexington for worship. Links will be on their website (www.dioplex.org) and on the social media accounts.

The Apostles' Creed (BCP p. 96)

Saying together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers (BCP p. 97)

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

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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 Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

People may offer prayers and thanksgivings in a time of silence.

We give thanks this Sunday for the birthdays and anniversaries our members and friends celebrate, especially the 46th anniversary of Robert and Barbara Srodulski and the birthdays of Steven Hansel, Tracey Werner-Wilson, and Jeffery Zahn.

Anniversary and Birthday Blessing

Eternal God, Creator and sustainer of all life: Bless, preserve, and guide your children as they mark another year of life in you. Make their hearts ready to receive your love and free to love others. Grant them grace to grow into the fullness of Christ. Strengthen them, give them joy, and awaken them every day to the power of your saving help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Music on the following page.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Anthem *Children of the Heavenly Father*
Swedish hymn, arr. Roy Johnson

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather,
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge n'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish: In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever,
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children n'er forsaketh,
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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**Information about the photo of the Altar area in the Church of the
Rotunda of St. George in Thessaloniki, Greece**

This large rotunda monument was built in 306 CE by the Emperor Galerius, possibly as his mausoleum. Unfinished, Constantine consecrated it as a Christian Church shortly thereafter. Extensive mosaics of precious materials and very high quality covered the interior. Today some of that original beauty remains in the dome area, as restoration proceeds. The photograph that is displayed to the left shows the frescoes that were added in the 9th century.

This church's early history is indicative of the upheaval in the development of Christianity in the 4th century. Galerius, a tetrarch of the Roman Empire who ruled an area which included Greece, persecuted the Christians, issuing an edict that was in place from 303-311, when he retracted it on his deathbed. How ironic that, within a few decades, the rotunda would become a magnificent Christian church. This may be the earliest Christian church building still in existence.

This excerpt is from Janina K. Darling, Architecture of Greece Greenwood, 2004, p. 84-86.