

The First Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

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. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, 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. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Psalm Psalm 96:1-9-13

Cantate Domino

- 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.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Said together:

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.

Second Lesson

I 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.

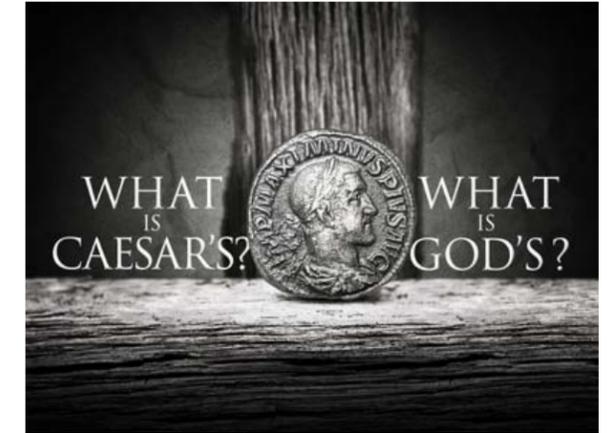
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message 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.

Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* **H 594**

Gospel Lesson *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.



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**
Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People IV **BCP 388**
We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution **BCP 360**
We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory *Bless the Lord, O my soul* Ippolitov-Ivanov

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes
Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee, While in essence only One, undivided god we claim thee; Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.
From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "A" **BCP 361**

<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S132
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on	BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>		H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

O saving Victim H 311
O for a closer walk with God H 683
All people that on earth do dwell H 377

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Hymn *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* H 544

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by John and Delia Kersey.

This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by Judge and Mrs. David Faber in memory of her loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Macon Clement Chris Justice
Chalicer Jay Kephart Don Williams
Lector Bea Paine Jay Kephart
Altar Guild Mimi Merritt Linda Ammar Linda Thomas

Attendance Last Sunday 95

Birthdays This Week:

William J. Allen Bernadette Dragotto Nelson Walker



Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes	Wanda Myers	Rosemary
Bonnie Taylor	Joe Sanders	Tom Blevins
Marlene	Lee Puckett, Sr.	Edi
Linda	Valerie Mahood	Sierra
Mary Hawthorne	Hal Gusler	Thomas Jaworski
Alex B.	Toni R	Roy Abel
Phyllis & Nelson Walker		

Calendar of Events

Sunday-October 22 CPC offering
Monday-October 23 November Rainbow Deadline
Wednesday-October 25 Dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm
Friday-October 27 Diocesan Convention at Charleston
Wednesday-November 1 All Saints Service 6pm
Sunday-November 5 All Saints Sunday
Wednesday-November Men's Dinner 6pm
Vestry 7pm
Saturday-November 11 Canterbury club at the home of Dr. Cortez 6pm

Announcements:

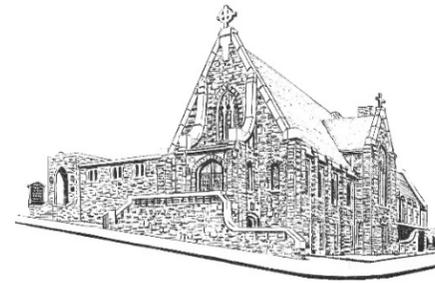
Our Offering today: Our offering today goes to the Church Periodical Club

Food Pantry: We will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for our November 16th Food Pantry. Donations may be left at the church.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mr. David Hardin	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Being the Sunday of Proper XXII of the Church Year

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand* H 718

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*