



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

18 October 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn 391 “Before the Lord’s Eternal Throne,”

1 Before the Lord’s eternal throne,
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone, he can create, and he destroy.

2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
he saved us from the power of death. . . .

5 Wide as the world is thy command,
vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand
when rolling years shall cease to move.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant says Collect for Purity *Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]*

Hymn of Praise 818 [WLP] “Hear O Israel”

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Praised be his name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *Celebrant says Collect of the Day*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah 45:1-7 *The Word of the Lord.*
[*People: Thanks be to God.*]

Gradual Psalm 96:1-9 *read in unison*

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.

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 567 “Thine Arm, O Lord”

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
 it triumphed o’er disease and death, o’er darkness and the grave.
 To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame,
 the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight;
 and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light:
 and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore,
 in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret’s shore.
 3 Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death;
 restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath:
 to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] Matthew 22:15-22 The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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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 from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: O God of love and mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All: 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 the Absolution

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 561 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

- 1 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:
ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor, and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the strife will not be long:
this day, the noise of battle; the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant, a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

Dismissal

Postlude



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