



Love God  
Love  
your  
Neighbor

# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

25 October 2020 AD

[PART ONE] LITURGY OF THE WORD  
[PART TWO] BACK LOT COMMUNION

Prelude

## Opening Hymn 546 “Awake, My Soul”

- 1 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
and an immortal crown.
- 2 A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in full survey;  
forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,  
and onward urge your way.
- 3 'Tis God's all-animating voice that calls thee from on high;  
'tis his own hand presents the prize to thine aspiring eye,  
to thine aspiring eye.
- 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
and an immortal crown.

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

*Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]*

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.*

**Hymn of Praise:** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo metrical version tune: Festal Song*

- 1 Glory to God on high And peace to all on earth;  
God, almighty Father, King, We praise you for your worth.
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, You take our sin away;  
Now seated at the Father's side, Have mercy when we pray.
- 3 You are the Holy One, Most High, Lord Christ, alone,  
You and the Holy Spirit with The Father on the throne.

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Lesson** - Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

*A Reading from the Book of Leviticus.* The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. *The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]*

**Gradual Psalm 1** *read in unison*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Epistle** - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.* You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you

or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. *The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]*

### **Sequence Hymn 627** “Lamp of Our Feet”

- 1 Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace our path when wont to stray;  
stream from the fount of heavenly grace, brook by the traveler’s way;
- 2 bread of our souls, whereon we feed, true manna from on high;  
our guide and chart, wherein we read of realms beyond the sky;
- 3 pillar of fire, through watches dark, and radiant cloud by day;  
when waves would whelm our tossing bark, our anchor and our stay;
- 4 word of the ever-living God, will of his glorious Son;  
without thee how could earth be trod, or heaven itself be won?
- 5 Lord, grant us all aright to learn the wisdom it imparts;  
and to its heavenly teaching turn, with simple, childlike hearts.

### **The Holy Gospel** - Matthew 22:34-46

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]* When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. *The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]*

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**W**e 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:* To God be the glory

*People: **Forever and ever. Amen.***

*Leader:* Knowing that God has entrusted us with the message of the Gospel, let us in prayer offer your divine compassion to the needs of the world.

*silence*

*Leader:* Gracious God, you have given birth to your church by your word of truth and raised us as the first fruits of your creatures: Grant that we may be doers of your word and not hearers only, effectively sharing in your reconciling work throughout the world.

*[brief silence]* To God be the glory

*People: **Forever and ever. Amen.***

Almighty One, guide our leaders to create justice and peace, care for those burdened by poverty, and remove the stains that pollute your creation. *[brief silence]* To God be the glory

*People: **Forever and ever. Amen.***

Ever-present God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good. *[brief silence]* To God be the glory

*People: **Forever and ever. Amen.***

Compassionate God, let your generosity abound among all the peoples of the earth, that humanity may respond with empathy and grace toward all who suffer, especially those who are vulnerable or poor. *[brief silence]* To God be the glory

***People: Forever and ever. Amen.***

Loving God, our hearts and lips are close to you as we intercede for our community: Inspire us to resist that which divides rather than unites, that we may faithfully follow your perfect law of liberty.

*[brief silence]* To God be the glory

***People: Forever and ever. Amen.***

Healing God, lay your hand of blessing on all for whom we name, either silently or aloud. *(silence)* We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious in your world, especially the blessings we now name. *(silence)* Welcome into your divine heart those who have died, especially those we now name. *(silence)* To God be the glory

***People: Forever and ever. Amen.***

Holy and Eternal One, you taught us to obey all of your commandments by loving you and by loving our neighbors as ourselves: Purify our hearts that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace in companionship with The Church in Wales in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and all who Engage in the Formation of God's People in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. *[brief silence]* To God be the glory

***People: Forever and ever. Amen.***

### **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*

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

## **Anthem**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

### **The Blessing**

The God of grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing ...

### **Closing Hymn 493** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.
- 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. . . .
- 6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**



We have a Care Team which is helping us stay in touch by telephone. Call 843.999.0888 for anything whatsoever.

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to **The Church of the Messiah, P O Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.**

An act of Spiritual Communion may be found at [messiahmb.org](http://messiahmb.org) under the “Library” or “Online Worship” tab.

[PART TWO]

COMMUNION AVAILABLE TODAY

**Y**ou are invited to our back parking lot to continue our worship and to receive Holy Communion at 11 o'clock this morning. Please print the "Addendum" to this bulletin and bring it with you. When you arrive, orient the front of your car toward red cross in the parking lot and tune to 92.7 FM. Consecrated bread will be brought around to each car. We will offer a "Fellowship Hour" after this form of worship when we are no longer a COVID hotspot. Today is a **SEVEN ON SUNDAY** collection day.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

*The Upper Room at 4221 North Kings Highway*

***The People of God are the ministers of this Church.*** They are served by the Revd Dr Randy C. Ferebee, Vicar, and the position of Bishop of South Carolina is vacant. They are also served by the Revd George H. Welles, Jr., Priest Associate. The Vestry offers guidance, missional direction and Godly counsel; they are David M. Hardin ('20), Gay W. Cooke ('20) and David E. Martin ('20), Patty Lauth Tate ('21), John H. Manley ('21), Richard B. Stall ('21), O. Allen Jeffcoat ('22) and Judith T. Milone ('22) The Ministry of the Vestry is supported by Richard B. Stall as Senior Warden, John H. Manley as Junior Warden, George C. (Skip) Williams, Jr, as Treasurer, M. Elizabeth Ault as Secretary and Charles Jordan as Advisor to the Vestry. The Music Ministry is served by Dr. Charles Jones Evans. Our mailing address is Post Office Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29576. [www.messiahmb.org](http://www.messiahmb.org) 843.999.0888







[PART TWO]

ADDENDUM FOR

## HOLY COMMUNION

*for those coming to the back parking lot to receive communion.*

*Please print this section and bring it with you.*

*You may, alternatively, bring your Prayer Book and go to page 361 ff.*

*As you arrive, please park your car facing the red cross and tune your radio to 92.7 FM*

***This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.***

***It is made ready for those who love God  
and for those who want to love God more.***

***So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,***

***You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,***

***You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.***

***Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.***

***It is the Almighty's will that those who want God should meet God here.***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Prayer Book page in blue brackets [361]*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

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*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation**

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*Officiant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The Officiant says:* 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.

*Communion (bread only) is distributed. It is enclosed in a tiny bag which was created while masked and gloved. It has also been frozen for two weeks for additional safety. After all have received, we join to pray:*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Dismissal**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



We are the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in the City of Myrtle Beach. Our **Vision** is to be an intentionally inclusive community called to love the Lord and to serve God's world in a spirit of reconciliation, hope, and healing. The **Mission** of our church is to practice following Jesus to experience for ourselves and share with others God's love by serving the world in Christ's name.