



St. John's Episcopal Church  
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Opening Words:

You alone, O God, are Lord, and there is no other. Formed in your image, we bear the imprint of your face and your Name on our hearts.

In a world loyal to other powers, let our lifestyle be governed by the standard of the Gospel and the currency of your kingdom. As we render to others the freedom of conscience that is their right, we may freely render to you the allegiance you alone deserve.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Opening Hymn #616 ~ *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (verses 1- 3)*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* 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.*

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

### The Collect

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.*

### Old Testament

[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 Response

[Psalm 96:1-9, \(10-13\)](#)

#### *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.]

## The Epistle

### 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.

## The Gospel

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.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**          **The Rev. John Beach**

## The Nicene Creed

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.

### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world saying, Here us, O God; your mercy is great.

The all in our community may know what is God's and what is Caesar's, and may have the courage so to live, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That as the Lord guided Cyrus for the sake of Israel, God will guide our country, its leaders, and its citizens, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That justice and peace will be the signs of our trust in God, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

The church, in the spirit of Paul, may preach the gospel not merely in words, but in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. We lift up particularly, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan, Gayle, and Bud, our bishops, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That each of us, following Jesus, may be truthful, currying no one's favor, but living with simplicity and honesty, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That like the apostle, all people in the church may live their faith and labor in love for the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned, the persecuted, and the sick, and that by God's power the suffering of all creation may be relieved, we lift up particularly those known to us....,

and we remember the departed, especially Frank Bangs, Jean Bedrosian, Roberta Clough, Arthur & Margaret Ellison, Robert & Muriel Locke, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Spinney, Arthur & Mary Spinney Jr., and Dorothy Tarr, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That wherever there is violence, especially within our family, we may be enabled to confess our part in allowing this darkness to continue. We have shut our eyes to the bruises and shut our ears to the cries of fear and pain. That your healing may come to all homes, hear us, O God, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

That we may remember with gratitude the witness of those who have kept the faith in your Holy name, hear us, O God:

**Your Mercy is great.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.

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

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

**Anthem during the preparation of the Altar**

### The Holy Communion

**Prayer over the Gifts Holy**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*              The Lord be with you.  
*People*                  **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*              Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                  **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*              Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*                  **It is meet and right to do so.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*



**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* Called to labor in the vineyard for the coming of God's kingdom, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Behold the gifts prepared by the Teacher who ate with sinners: Draw near to the banquet of mercy, partake of the feast of forgiveness.

### **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Behold the living bread come down from heaven: Those who eat of it will never die.

### **Anthem during Communion**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Celebrant*      Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

*People*          **Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

#### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*      Sent to proclaim God's kingdom with power and to serve others with humility, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

#### **Concluding Hymn**      #292 ~ *O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown*

O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod, thou reignest, and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and thine is the wealth that in our halls abound, and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.

Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given; all the fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe from the bounteous heaven. At temper fair with gentle air the sunshine and the rain, that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again.

That we may feed the poor aright, and, gathering round thy throne, here, in the holy angel's sight, repay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee all our days, and with the Father's Name, and with the Holy Spirit's gifts, the Saviors' love proclaim.

### Weekly Prayer List

Maureen Burke, Annelies Caggiano, Gia Capello, Carolyn Chadsey, Armand Couture, Jr., Jerry Dello Russo, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Pat & Tim Eldridge, Claire Errico, Joanne Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Gary Goodwin, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Michele Hoelzl, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Hilary Lancaster, Kevin Lancaster Jr., Lisa Lancaster, Shane Maxwell, Matt, Lori M., Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray (and deeply affected families), Debbie Rossetti, Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Jeanne Seaboyer, Bo Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Linda Sullivan, Meghan Tapley, Walter T., Susan Webb, Rachel W., and Candace Wormstead

### Announcements

#### Thank You!!

Our sincere thanks to Senior Warden T.J., Steve and Nancy White, Laura Geary, Bill Bidmead and everyone else who volunteered to make the lobster roll sale possible. At print time, we had orders for over 125 rolls!

#### The Dinner!

The 'to-go' Roast Beef Dinner is **Saturday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**; pick-up is from 5:30-7:30pm, the cost \$14 per person, and we offer an Eggplant Parmesan option. Please visit online at [st-johns-church-saugus.square.site](http://st-johns-church-saugus.square.site) to place your order and/or browse St. John's (virtual) Annual Fair, where we have items listed for sale. ☺

#### Counting

Just a reminder we will be counting next Sunday (Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>). Kindly forward your pledges or gifts to the parish office. Thank you.

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