The TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST – October 25, 2020

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10:00 A.M. – THE HOLY EUCHARIST [Rite Two] and SERMON; 2021 PLEDGES to the LORD

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Organ Voluntary - Please use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection. Please SILENCE all Cell Phones and Pagers when entering the Church.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423, “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” St. Denio
[ Hymns are printed on the final pages of this Service Booklet. ]

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 IN EXCELSIS – “Glory to God” – Hymnal *S-280 Setting: Robert Powell

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (Proper 25-A) – Said by the Celebrant alone

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.
The Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain – that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

The Psalter: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 – Said by ALL – Remaining SEATED

1 LORD, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * 
   be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * 
   so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * 
   and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works * 
   and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * 
   prosper the work of our hands; 
   prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 2:1-8

   A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul 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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 517, “How lovely is thy dwelling place” 
Brother James’ Air 

[ During this Hymn, Children and their Leader exit to “Children’s Church”. ]
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The Holy Gospel: Saint Matthew 22:34-46

The Congregation remains standing and faces the Deacon or Priest, who reads the Gospel.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint 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.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.  

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

**The Sermon:** The Reverend F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr., Rector

The Nicene Creed – *All now stand and join the Celebrant in saying*

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 – Form IV
[ Please respond as indicated, after each petition. ]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy . . . People: Hear our prayer.

When the Prayers have been completed, the Celebrant adds this concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you;
my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church,
and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father

The Peace – In the Name of our Lord, please VERBALLY greet those around you!

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “You Shall Love the Lord Your God” Eugene E. Englert
Featured Vocalist: Ralph Salvagno, M.D.
PRESENTATION HYMN:  
_The Doxology_  
_Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;_  
_Praise him, all creatures here below;_  
_Praise him above, ye heavenly host:_  
_Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  Amen._  

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – _Form A_  

_All standing, the Celebrant begins_  

**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; 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:  

**SANCTUS** – **“Holy, holy, holy Lord”** – _Hymnal S-125_  

Setting: Richard Proulx  

_The Celebrant and People sing:_  

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest._
The People kneel (as able) and 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:

The Celebrant and People sing: Setting: Mass of Creation

Christ has died. Christ has died.
Christ is risen. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again. 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 the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Thomas, Saint Mark, Saint Andrew, Saint John, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Patrick and 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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The Great “AMEN” – Sung by ALL (Sixfold) Music: Mass of Creation
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Clergy & 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 Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

As the Celebrant prepares to administer Holy Communion, a Fraction Anthem is sung.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei – “Jesus, Lamb of God” – Sung by ALL

Setting: Mass of Creation

Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your Peace.
The COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the Invitation to Holy Communion.

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.

On behalf of those viewing the service via Livestream, the Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) is said by ALL.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You, dear Lord Christ. Amen.

ALL Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in The Episcopal Church! Because of COVID-19 precautions, we are currently receiving only the Bread. Please use the social distancing markings on the center aisle as you come forward. Remove your mask as you wait. Cup your hands to receive the Consecrated Bread. Remember that receiving Communion in one form IS considered Full Communion!

Baptism, the ancient service through which one joins Christ’s Church, may be arranged. We warmly invite you to contact the Clergy about scheduling your Baptism.

The Postcommunion Prayer – Said by ALL

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Priestly Blessing

The mercy, grace and blessing of God Almighty, the Father [✠],
the Son [✠], and the Holy Spirit [✠], be upon you and remain with you
this day and always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 688, “A mighty fortress is our God” Ein feste Burg

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Silent Prayer – All are invited to kneel for a moment of silent prayer before the Dismissal.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423, “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”  St. Denio

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
all mighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rul'est in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou giv'st, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reign'st in glory, thou rul'est in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
'tis only the splendor of light hid eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cysegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.
SEQUENCE HYMN 517, “How lovely is thy dwelling place”

1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how happy they who dwell with thee and springs, and they shall climb from height to height till way; how happy they who keep thy laws nor in thy courts to be; my very heart and praise thee without rest, and happy they whose Zion's temple rings with praise to thee, in from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely flesh cry out, O living God, for thee. hearts are set upon the pilgrim’s quest. glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
3 They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely flesh cry out, O living God, for thee. hearts are set upon the pilgrim’s quest. glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent a-
1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood.
2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side.
3 And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to unbid us; we will not fear, for God hath willed.
4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, a-sight; the Spirit and the gifts are ours.

of mortal ills prevailing; for still our ancient foe the man of God's own choosing: dost ask who that may be?
his truth to triumph through us; the prince of darkness grim, through him who with us sitheth: let goods and kin-dred go.

doeth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his Name,
we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:

and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his e-qual. from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him. God's truth a-bideth still, his king-dom is for ev-er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1869); based on Psalm 46
Music: Ein feste Burg; melody Martin Luther (1483-1546);
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
**St. Thomas’ Parish Prayer List: October 25 – 31, 2020**


**Military Service** – Dakota Ritz, Andrew Shaw, Aaron Hull, Nicholas Robeson, Taylor Robeson, Susie Hoopengardner, Spencer Hose, Chris Krause, Vince Biggs, Cody Hovermale, Lucas Trunkle, Philip Corbett, Cameron Meadows, Matt Lacy, Jake Michael, Allen Foshee, Taylor Shafer, Josh Stotler, Justin Johnson.

**ONGOING:** All Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Other Medical Personnel, All Military, Law Enforcement and Fire & Rescue Personnel, Correctional Officers, All Teachers and Other Workers in our Schools, Colleges and Universities, Truck Drivers, Warehouse Workers, Grocery Store Personnel

We pray for healing for all suffering from the corona virus. We pray for development of a safe, effective vaccine against the virus.


**Shut-ins** – Sally Fost, Don Reed, Ralph & Della Wachter, Frances Younker, Mary Ann Mortzfeldt, Beverly Hershberger, Ernie Truax, Pat McKinley, Catherine Durst, Barbara Smith, Janice Trail, Edna Younker, The Rev. Charles McGinley.

We pray for all those who have died from the corona virus, and we ask God’s help and comfort for their loved ones.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen, Robert and Mary Barnhart, Julia Barnhart Lynn, Kay McCarty, Joanne and Randy Sipes and Hunter Van Meter by Faye and Bob Barnhart.
PARISH NEWS for 21st PENTECOST – October 25, 2020

TODAY THE PARISH HALLOWE’EN PARTY WILL BE HELD at 4:P.M. Weather permitting, our activities will all be outside. Tracy Salvango and Pam Mann have put together Treat Bags for all the children to take home. (Thank you again to all who donated candy!) Because of the pandemic, we cannot serve refreshments, but come in costume and enjoy games and festivities. Adults, too!

‘OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT’ continues as the focus of our Adult Education Class this Fall. Fr. Allan, with assistance from Deacon Kirk, is leading us in discussing the promises we make in Holy Baptism. Wear your mask and join us in the Lower Parish Hall!

OTHER REMINDERS: Today is the deadline to submit names of departed loved ones for our prayers next week on All Saints’ Sunday. Blue slips are enclosed and also available online . . . Please plan to fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox for a needy child overseas. Boxes are at the Baptistry, and Pam has printed labels for you to attach to your boxes . . . The Election is just 10 days away, and our 30 Days of Prayer for the Election continue, with copies of the Prayer Sheet at the Baptistry. Please take one and join us in praying!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK:

Lectors: 7:30 A.M. Julie Unger, Dudley Obrecht
          10:00 A.M. Jane Shaw

Children’s Church Today: Jennifer Walter

Altar Guild This Month: Meredith Hendershot, Robin Mosier

Acolytes: Aiden Dowe, Ivan Hogbin, Molli Hogbin, Phoebe Hogbin,
          Noah Hoopengardner, Nyla Spielman, Jackson Walter,
          Ruthann Walter, Michael McCarthy, Jr.

Acolytes’ Master: Phoebe Hogbin

Ushers/Greeters: 7:30 A.M. David Creek, Tim Smith
                 10:00 A.M. Bob Hoopengardner, David Yost