

Morning Worship Sunday 22nd October 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Hero of Faith: Jonah

Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 - 22

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

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Proclamation:

Psalm: 99

Praise to God for His Holiness

- ¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

Song: (*click link*) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty https://youtu.be/zzM9P_Gqw-s

Invitation to Confession

What God has prepared for those who love Him,
He has revealed to us through the Spirit:
for He searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love Him.

Confession:

O King, enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
Holy is your name, Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading1: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters^[a] beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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 people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And 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, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions^[b] 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 – 22

The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ 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.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the gospel of the lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Prayer:

Lord God, we thank you that we can learn from your word. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word today that we might grow in our love for you. We ask in Jesus name.

Talk: *(Click link) Jenny Pratt.*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
for mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:

We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments.

Especially we pray for.....

Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,

our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:

We pray for the Church, created for your glory,
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours

Especially we pray for.....

Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath

the soul is raised from sin and death:

We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying

Especially we pray for.....

Breathe on them the breath of life

and bring them to your mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy Trinity, Father, Spirit, Son,

Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:

We pray for ourselves,

for your Church, for all whom we remember before you,

Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,

to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,

as we worship you, saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Collect:

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering; let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.

Song: *(click link)* Jesus Is King <https://youtu.be/rAYq1wLSHi0>

Blessing:

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
...and the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us, and all and those whom we love,
this day and always. Amen

Please pray for the work of the church and each other in our community.