

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

October 18, 2026, 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Opening Voluntary

Introit:

Ego clamávi

*I have callèd upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me and hearken unto my words:
Keep me, O LORD, as the apple of an eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings Hear the right, O LORD:
consider my complaint. Glory be...*

[Standing.]

Processional Hymn

“All my hope on God is founded”

Hymnal 665

Opening Salutation

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

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

Collectfor Purity

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 [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pews.]

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peaceto 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:
receivetheour 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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*



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The First Lesson Isaiah 45:1-7

The Psalm 96:1-9 *Cantate Domino*



Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.



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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord’s Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Hymnal SI19.]

*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.

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei* [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew]

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

- 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.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

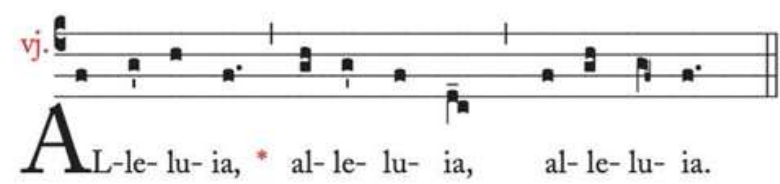
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

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.

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

The Sequence Hymn“O God of earth and altar”Hymnal 591



Verse: *Praise the LORD, O my soul: while I live will I praise the LORD;
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. (choir)*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew 22:15-22

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 [Seated.]

The Nicene Creed [Stand as able.]

The Prayers of the People (Form II) [Kneel as able.]

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Fr. Benjamin George-Thoms

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 385

Prayer Book 360

Prayer Book 361

Prayer Book 362

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Verse: *MY delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved;
my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.*

Anthem:

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;
from early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart;
he makes his mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.*

Christopher Tye

Hymn:“All people that on earth do dwell”Hymnal 377

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)Prayer Book 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.*

[Kneel as able.]
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
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:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]

*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.*

[Kneel as able, stand.]
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.

At the following words, the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.”

Memorial Acclamation Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.