

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Prelude

Ernest Bloch "*Prelude III*"

Opening Hymn (Sung by Musicians)

ELW 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, by your grace we all live and move and have our being. You have called us to live your grace in our lives and proclaim your final rule in our world, by your Spirit and through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus 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:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I 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.

⁴For 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.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so 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.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9 (by musicians)

¹**Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.**

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

³**Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.**
⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R
⁵**As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.**
⁶Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
⁷**Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.**
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R
⁹**Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

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 labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters 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 persons 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 your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (setting 4—Alleluia—Musicians Sing)

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW 841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Holy God, by your grace you order all things and by your will even those who deny you and seek to overthrow your rule are made to serve you. Inspire us to hope and confidence in your never failing presence made known to us in your Son, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Holy God, open all ears to hear your Word of salvation, for you alone give light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers to find a cure to the COVID-19 virus, that we may all live in safety, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Holy God, we pray for the healing of all in need: those who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed especially those we now name before you Joe, Nancy, Carol, Dennis,

Rob, Pastor Steve Swanson, Renee, and all those diagnosed with COVID-19. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. Bless our Bishops, Bishop Eaton and Bishop Curry, our pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. We praise you for the gift of Concordia in all its ministries, in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharist Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
Your abundant grace fills our lives with blessings.
All of Heaven and earth sing of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
Who preached good news to the poor,
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We give you thanks and praise for
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on this gift of bread and all who share in the body of your Son.

May your saving acts be proclaimed
and your name forever be praised, Almighty Father.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with your Holy Spirit in your holy church throughout the world.

C: Amen. Your Kingdom come.

A: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.

Lamb of God

Anthem (sung by Musicians)

"Domine Deus" from Petite Messe Solennelle by Gioachino Rossini

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.

Closing Hymn Sung by Musicians

ELW 825 "You Servants of God"

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Benediction and Dismissal

P: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness,
with deeds of justice and mercy!

C: Amen.

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann "*Nun Danket alle Gott*"

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