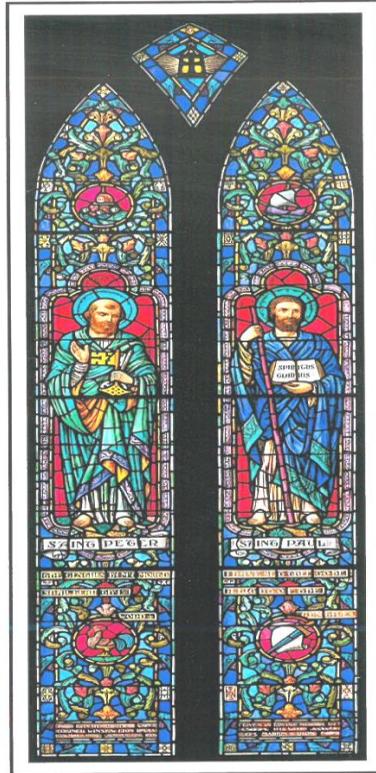


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9:00 A.M. Service

Sunday, October 18, 2020



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Prelude: *Adagio in D Major*
Music: B Galuppi

Organist, Sherry Dwyer

Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord open thou our lips

All: And our mouths shall proclaim thy praise

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. AMEN

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

- 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.]

Hymn 8: Morning Has Broken

Lyrics: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody

*1 Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!*

*2 Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness*

*Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.*

*3 Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!*

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Lector: Livia Morjikian

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 Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Homily by Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Moment of Silence-Music Meditation

O Zion Haste

Music: Tidings, James Walch

The Apostles Creed *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: Let us kneel and pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Together, all kneeling*

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.**

Suffrage B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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.**

Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Christ Church Prayer: O God, who has brought us into the Church of thy dear Son, make all in our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards thee; and grant that our common life and work may help to bring in thy kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list to include:

Michael Berkeley	Francoise Kelz	Addie Selfridge
Nancy Briggs	Robert Klein	Shelley Strid
Mary Jean Calvi	John Lynch	Jon Swart
Mary Jean Chacona	Larry Mac Neil	Richard Tucker
Betty Dearborn	Joyce Millage	Philip Waugh
Janis Downey	Adele Prindle	Joyce Weegar
Miles Eller	Wendy Grace Rossi	Mary Ann Wilkens
Jane Farnol		Jon Widing

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. William Covington by Betsy Covington Smith.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 440: Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Lyrics: *Tobias Clausnitzer*

Music: *Liebster Jesu*

*1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night*

*with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
you must work all good within us.*

*3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart;
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart;
help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises*

Blessing: Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen .

Postlude: *King of Glory*

Music: *David Charles Walker*

Lyrics: *George Herbert*

Organist: *Sherry Dwyer*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Dismissal: *Go In Peace*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Celebrations:

3 Ryan Smith

3 Mary Beth Franks Begor

9 Todd & Jennifer Anderson, anniv. 20 Rick & Barbara Ives, anniv.

24 Robbie Cooper

26 Julia Wayne Hajek

TODAY

October 18- ECCT Virtual Convention. **Convention Eucharist on Sunday at 10:00 AM, which will be open to all and broadcast through YouTube.**

Here is the link with information and registration form:

<https://ecctconvention.org>

October 25- 9:45 AM Vestry Meets

4:00 PM Tuesday's

Pastoring and Prophecy: A Lens For Bible Study In Difficult Times

We will ponder passages of the Bible which assist us in navigating tough times. Early on in the pandemics, one of our Bishops said we are called to pastor and to prophesy! Those vocations become even more poignant during dual viruses: actual and social. While social justice is at the heart of our work, so is compassion and mercy, the pastoral part.

We will pray as we hold the tensions and await the inspiration of the Spirit. Each week's passage will be sent out ahead of time, but spontaneity is welcome! Any edition of the Bible is also welcome. **Led by Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker**, this Bible Study is open to all!

Zoom Link to Join: <https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/93023398193> Password: episcopal

FOR SALE: We still have Firestarter's available for purchase at \$7.00.

Bicentennial Books \$20.00, and Bicentennial Coins for \$50.00. The cold is here so when you go to start that fireplace, be prepared. All items make wonderful gift.

It's Election Season: do we really believe that Love Is the Way? How might we find inspiration for practicing the art of loving the Other in this season fraught with tension and political acrimony? Let's look for inspiration in the recently published book written by the Most Rev. Michael Curry and Sara Grace called Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times. We'll meet one week before our national election to discuss the first part of the book and one week after the election to talk about the second part. The book is well written and very readable.

Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 7 till 8 pm. We discuss pages 1--139 at this session. Zoom info: [Click here for Book Group on Oct 27](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 7 till 8 pm. We discuss pages 140--256. Zoom info: [Click here for Book Group on Nov 10](#)

Our facilitator is the Rev. Marilyn Anderson

