

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 OCTOBER 2020

ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Saint Paul reminds us that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (*Romans 8:38–39*)

¶ *Before the Voluntary, the tower bell is rung three times.*

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F Major, BWV 540

J. S. Bach

INTROIT (*sung by the Cantor*)

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; \* hide me under the shadow of your wings. (*Psalms 17: 6, 8*)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* Blessèd be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessèd be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

*Presider* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider* Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 45:1–17

**T**hus 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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Please stand*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*sung by the Cantor*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! \* I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**T**he 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Jay P. Burkardt

¶ *A period of silence for meditation follows the Sermon. Then please stand for*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Prince, our Bishop and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

¶ *The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

¶ *The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

¶ *The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

¶ *The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering now all our prayers into one, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

¶ *You are encouraged to offer a bow or wave to your fellow congregants as a sign of peace. Then you may be seated for*

## MEDITATION

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

*Gordon Porth, piano; Robert Poovey, organ*

¶ *Announcements may follow. Then please stand for*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Giver 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 our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Presider* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

¶ *The Presider blesses the people, who respond: Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**



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*We thank Alexis Peart for serving as our cantor this morning.*

*We thank Gordon Porth for sharing his talent with us this morning.*



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