

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship for August 9, 2020

Welcome

Gathering Music

Confession and Absolution of Sin

One Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Many **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

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

Hymn – Eternal Father, strong to save – *The Hymnal 1982* #608

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

One Lord, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One May Christ, the morning star, shine in our hearts.
Many **O come let us worship God.**

One Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 85 together, responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 85: 8-13

⁸ I will listen to what you, O God, are saying, *
For you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, ***
that your glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹ **Truth shall spring up from the earth, ***
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
¹² You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ **Righteousness shall go before you, ***
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

At the end of the Psalm is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of God's Love (*1 John 4:7-11*)

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (*14:22-33*)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Sermon by The Very Rev'd Chad Vaughn

The Nicene Creed

All together

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers

One The Lord be with you.
Many **And also with you.**
One Let us pray.

Many **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.***

One Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;
Many ***One God with many faces.***

One We pray for all baptized people;
Many ***That we may live fully into our covenant with you.***

One Give us faith to serve you in all people;
Many ***And our neighbors as ourselves.***

One Bless the leaders of our land;
Many ***That we may be a people at peace among ourselves
and a blessing to other nations.***

One Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;
Many ***That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.***

One Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;
Many ***That barriers which divide us may crumble
and we may live in justice and peace.***

The Collect of the Day

Through the storms of life, O God, you walk with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith so that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living forever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Healing of Oppression

Look with compassion, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A 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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

A General Thanksgiving

All together

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.****

Hymn – Precious Lord, take my hand – *Wonder, Love, and Praise* #800

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, when my life is al - most gone; _____
 near, and the day is past and gone; _____

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Many Thanks be to God.