The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the New Creation!

November 22, 2020

10:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace! ~



~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

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LEM Officiant: Allan Parker (Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People & Dismissal)

Preacher: The Rev'd. Bailey Whitbeck

Accompanist: Ken Brooks

Voice: Kyrah Rodriguez

Readers: Chris Gruener (reading 1 & Psalm), Tricia Tyler (reading 2 & Psalm),

John McDargh (response leader)

Service Welcome: Bernice Cramer
Announcements: David Montgomery

Attendance: Susan Boyer

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Lisa Regan Durr - November 24th and Gwen Trueblood - November 25th!

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton, St. Thomas' Church, Taunton, Trinity Church, Wrentham, Diocesan Mission Hubs, Episcopal Marriage Encounter and Curisillo.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

November 2020: James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Abby McGregor, Keith Hatfield, Constance Williams, and Nancy Routh.

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OPENING SENTENCES

LEM Officiant: Blessed Be the One, Holy and Living God.

All: Thanks be to God!

LEM Officiant: 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.

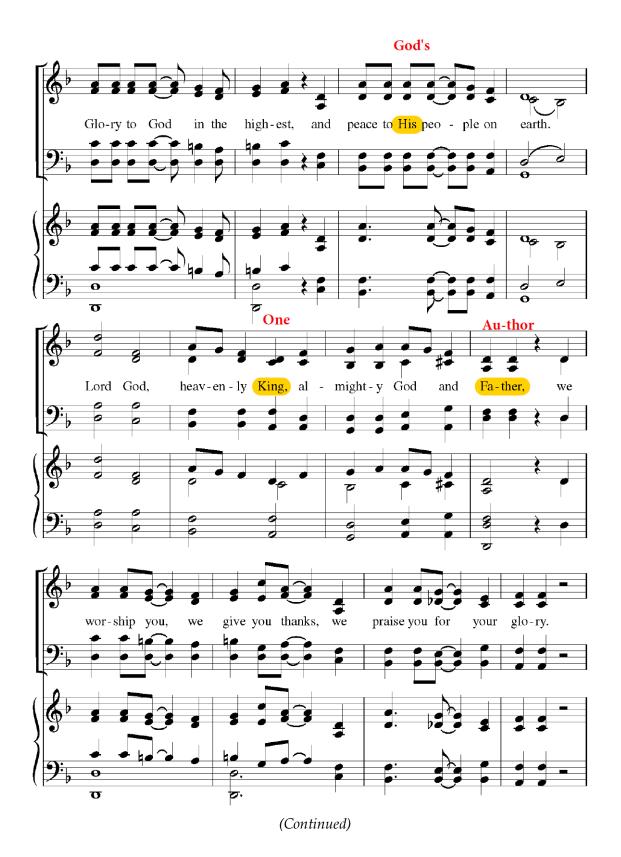
All: Amen.

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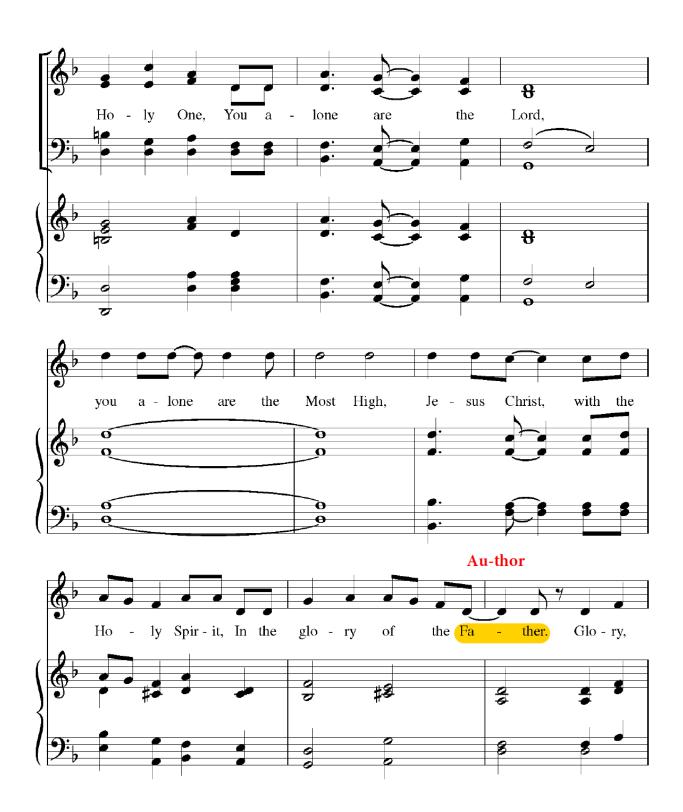




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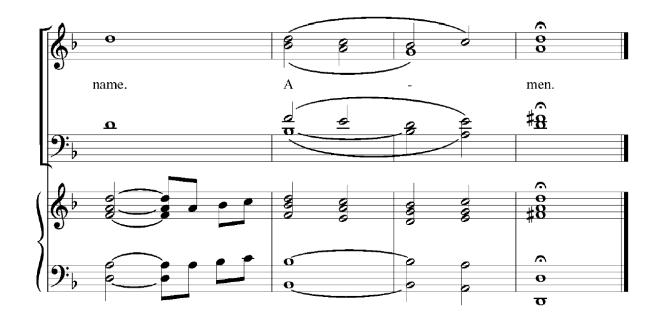
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

LEM Officiant: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

LEM Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: O God, whose beloved Son came into the world that he might make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may lift ourselves as he is lifted; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in God's glorious kindom; where he lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE HEBREW BIBLE Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM Psalm 100

1. May all lands be joyful before you, O God, serve with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

- 2. For we know that you are God; you yourself have made us, and we are yours; we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
- 3. We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise, give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
- 4. For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

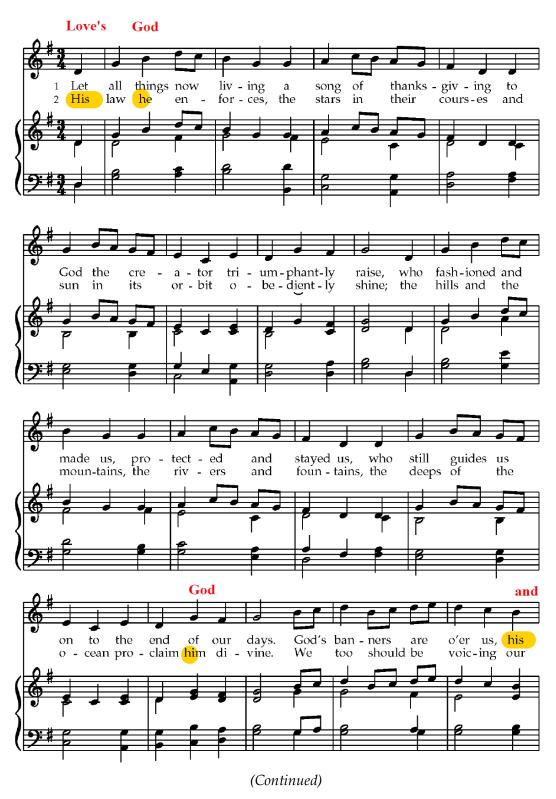
Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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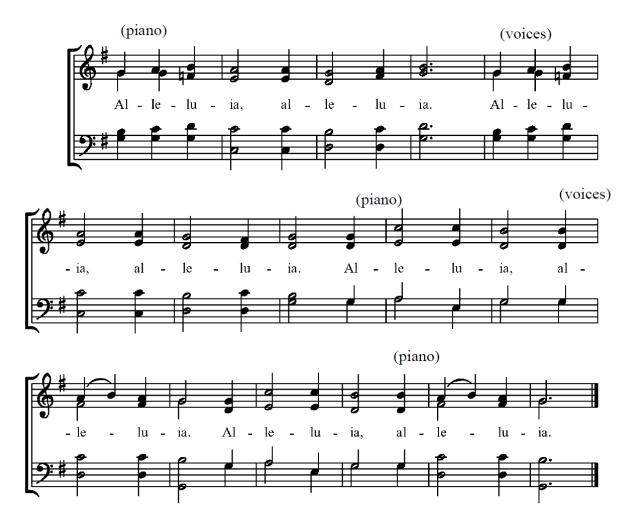




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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)



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THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Preacher: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The Rev'd. Bailey Whitbeck

THE NICENE CREED (read out loud by the LEM Officiant)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

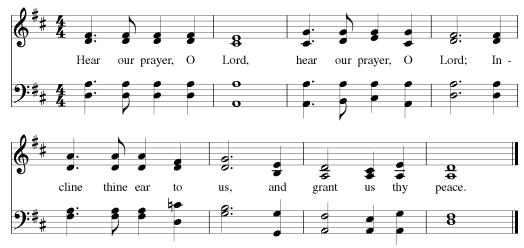
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God. 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 and the Son. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (please stand or kneel)

All Sing:



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LEM Officiant: Christ, our New Creation, salve the troubled spots in our world and inspire us to new heights of kindness and love for each other. Give strength and direction to all who seek your way, all who strive for peace, and all who work for justice. Guide us to treat your creation with respect and wonder and awe.

O God, your light and love become in us,

All: As it is in heaven.

LEM Officiant: Christ, our New Creation, you are ever present in every breath of life, you are at the center of creative power, and on the margins with the powerless. Give wisdom and courage to all who seek truth and reconciliation, and especially to the leaders of nations and communities who have the power and authority to do this work.

O God, your light and love become in *us*,

All: As it is in heaven.

LEM Officiant: Christ, our New Creation, keep awake in our hearts and in our homes. May the balm of forgiveness be known among and through us. Give comfort and hope to the broken hearts and minds among us; include in your radiant hopefulness all who have felt left behind or forgotten.

O God, your light and love become in *us*,

All: As it is in heaven.

LEM Officiant: Christ, our New Creation, give confidence and vision to all who suffer, help those who are hungry and parched to taste and drink from your bread of life and your living waters.

Keep, O Lord, in your grasp all who are losing their grip on life, enfold in your love all who are fearful and anxious, calm in your heart all who are filled with anger and hate, and prepare a way of welcome for all who have nowhere to go. We pray for all who are troubled in body, mind or spirit. We pray for the people of every nation of your world, we pray for loved ones and friends and neighbors, and we pray for those remembered on our Parish Prayer list (read the names). And today we hold these special prayers and thanksgivings in the heart of our community (read from the virtual community prayer book) we offer our love and support.

O God, your light and love become in us,

All: As it is in heaven.

LEM Officiant: Christ, our new Creation, we give thanks for those whom we have loved and lost. We give thanks especially for all whom we have lost during this pandemic, but whose bright lights are not forgotten.

O God, your light and love become in *us*,

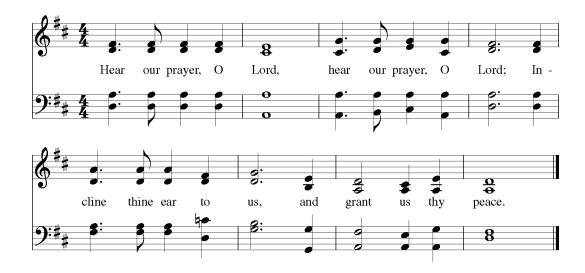
All: As it is in heaven.

LEM Officiant: Christ, our new Creation, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life, and for the Holy Spirit of Creativity that binds us to you with power and purpose for our lives.

O God, your light and love become in *us*,

All: As it is in heaven.

All Sing:



THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (please stand or kneel)

LEM Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

All: O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

LEM Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us every trespass through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

THE PEACE

LEM Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We invite you to say whatever version of The Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

LEM Officiant: As Jesus taught us we now pray:

All:

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

LEM Officiant: Let us pray together.

All:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the fears that infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in the bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. In your good time, O God, let all nations and peoples live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

LEM Officiant: 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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

All Praise to Thee

HYMNAL #477



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DISMISSAL

LEM Officiant: Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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