

# *Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two*

*(A Service of Ante-Communion)*



*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 11, 2020*



## Prelude

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Words

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Song of Praise

*I sing the mighty power of God*

Renew #54

Vs. 1 and 2

### Prayer of the Day

*(The people remain standing)*

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)* **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 people sit)*

### First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 23

*(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Song

*The king of love my shepherd is*

Hymn #645

## Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who

had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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 man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He 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

Form VI

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*A brief silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world. For our President Donald, our Governor Ralph and all in authority that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

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

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

*Leader:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan, Jennifer and Porter our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

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

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

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for ... Are there others?  
(Pause)

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially ... and those celebrating anniversaries.... Are there others? (Pause)  
We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, including..., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray for those who have given their lives in service of our country including ...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## Concluding Collect

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & People:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Absolution**

*Celebrant:* At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

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## **October 11, 2020 Announcements & Events**

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

### **Women's Retreat - Reimagined**

Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 outside @ St. Peter's in the Woods.

### **Griefs and Graces**

In this year of involuntary retreat into our homes we may find that we have too much quiet, too much aloneness. It is difficult to talk about the need for time away from the routines of our daily lives when these routines have been upended, reshaped, and reimagined in ways big and small, all profound, but often unwelcome.

Nevertheless, God is active in this moment of human history as God has been in all moments of human history. Our task is prayer, discernment, and Christian action. And so, we will gather outdoors at the church, or online, for an afternoon focused on the Griefs and Graces of our lives. A time to walk the

labyrinth, pray, honor our griefs, and celebrate the places where God’s grace is at work, in order to move with clear discernment into action, doing God’s work in the world.

Masks and social distancing will be observed. Online/do-it-at-home options available. Please contact [RevSusanH@gmail.com](mailto:RevSusanH@gmail.com) to register.

### Prayer in Community

If you are finding it hard to pray during this time? Rev. Susan invites you to re-discover the rich prayer resources in our Book of Common Prayer. To let the powerful prayers for our human family, for the country, for times of conflict and division wash over you and become your prayers this week and in the weeks ahead. Please join Rev. Susan in a Zoom prayer meeting the next four Monday mornings at 8 am, from Oct. 12th - Nov. 2nd.

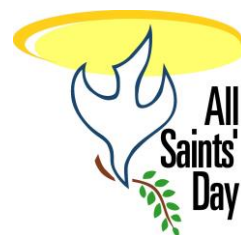
### Coffee & Chat with Rev. Susan

*If you’d like to meet with Rev. Susan for socially distanced prayer or conversation, or arrange a phone call to talk about what’s on your heart please use the E-news link for SignUp Genius or call the office to arrange a time.*

### All Saints’ Day Remembrance – Picture submissions.

On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints’ Day. At that service we will be remembering our loved ones who have died this past year by having a video of their pictures as a part of our worship. Please email the church office, [spwmain@gmail.com](mailto:spwmain@gmail.com) with a picture of your loved one, their name, your name and your relationship to your deceased love one. (For example, grandmother, spouse, friend, neighbor, etc.)

**Please submit pictures by Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**



### Honey from the Woods – Get your honey before its gone!

We will be selling 4 oz jars of St. Peter’s in the Woods honey for **\$10 each, no limit**, following our outdoor service on Sunday. Or stop by the office during the week. All proceeds from the sale of the honey will go to expanding our Giving Garden, which provides fresh produce to local food pantries.



### Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour

Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

### Adult Formation Opportunities:

**Sundays at Noon** - Our discussion of *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton continues at noon on Sunday. Please read Part 4: Chapters 13-15.

**Thursdays at 8 AM** - Our exploration of our Episcopal faith, beliefs and practices continues, Thursdays @ 8 am. Each class features a brief video and time for discussion and questions.

### Weekly offerings:

Monday, Oct. 12th	• Community Prayer Zoom @ 8 AM
Tuesday, Oct. 13th	• EfM Zoom, 7-9 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 14th	• ROMEOS Zoom, 12 PM • Wired Word Zoom, 7:30 PM • Compline Zoom, 8 :30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 15th	• Adult Formation, 8 AM
Saturday, Oct. 17th	• Women’s Retreat - Reimagined

