

Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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) **Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.** *(The people sit)*

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Sing a New Song

Dan Schutte

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

October 25, 2020 Announcements & Events

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

Interested in Winter Worship in the Woods?? - Sundays, 5pm Evening Prayer

Interested in bundling up to gather outside for evening prayer in November and December? If so, please contact Jennifer O'Rourke at jorourke76@yahoo.com so interest can be gauged.

One Together: St. Peter's in The Woods *Inspires Me...*

Help fill in the blank! God calls us to accomplish together that which we would never be able to do alone. We invite you to write down on the *Inspires Me Card* some of the ways you and your family have experienced St. Peter's being "One Together" and to share it with our parish community. Return by picture, email, or drop it off at the church.

Audubon At Home Certified Wildlife Sanctuary

The animals have decided and our wildlife sanctuary is a hit. We have attracted at least ten Audubon at Home Sanctuary Species. In recognition of the important contribution we have made to the protection and restoration of native habitat in Virginia, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia's Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary program has officially certified our sanctuary. The church has been certified as of June 5, 2020. This accomplishment earns us the right to display the *Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary* sign, identifying our property as part of a growing effort to expand healthy habitats needed to sustain native plants and animals in our region. The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia believe our efforts will serve as an inspiration to others to follow our example of stewardship.

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 two Monday mornings at 8 am, Oct. 26th and 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.

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. **For Sunday, October 25**, please read the following segments from Part 5- Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of The Lord:

Interlude Siddhartha's Story (pages 173-175); Chapter 17 "I Don't Want to Grow Old!"

Chapter 18 Anxiety, Worry, and Physical Illness. Last Sunday with *Unafraid* will be Nov. 1st.

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. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Prayer Zoom, 8 AM
Tuesday, Oct. 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EfM Zoom, 7-9 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROMEOS Zoom, 12 PM • Wired Word Zoom, 7:30 PM • Compline Zoom, 8 :30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Formation, 8 AM