

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 25**

**OCTOBER 25, 2020**

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening Acclamation		351 (prayer book)
Opening Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	616 (hymnal)
Confession		352 (prayer book)
Gloria		S280 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		235 (prayer book)
I reading—Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18		

Reader: A reading from Leviticus

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1 585 (prayer book)

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!

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

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.

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

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

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

II reading— 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader: A reading from First Thessalonians

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel—Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeller: 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - Form II

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

358 (prayer book)

385 (prayer book)

Anthem	<i>If your mercy Lord you called me</i>	William Boyce
The Lord's Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>All hail the power of Jesus' Name</i>	450 (hymnal)
Dismissal		366 (prayer book)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM II

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our parish for Tom & Terry Taranto and Kathy & Eric Merson. For parishes in our diocese, especially St. Matthew's Church in Moravia and St. Andrew's Church in New Berlin

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Dottie Divers, Garth Foster, Elaina Renfrew, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Garth Foster, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Bill, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella and those we now name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially the Rev. Hal Avery and those we now name, silently or aloud,

*Silence*

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The officiant adds a concluding collect*



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