

VICTORY CHAPEL

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Trinity



Morning Prayer & Sermon
22nd November, 2020

WELCOME!

To all who are spiritually weary and
seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for
comfort:
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who are strangers and want a
home;
to all who hunger and thirst after
righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of
the Lord Jesus Christ.

The congregation is invited to prepare for worship through quiet prayer.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

THE OPENING SENTENCES

I WAS glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD.
Psalm cxxii. 1.

INVITATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

† A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them who are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen

THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION, OR REMISSION OF SINS

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us,

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

† *All stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

† *All stand and sing the Venite. exultemus Domino*

CANTICLE: Venite, exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)

COME, let us sing unto the LORD: * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God: * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: * and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it: * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship and fall down: * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the LORD our God: * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: * let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: * world without end.

Amen.

THE PSALM.....*Psalm 71*

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may always resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: * thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be alway of thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many, * but my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me; * and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying,

10 God hath forsaken him: * persecute him, and take him: for there is none to

deliver him.

11 Go not far from me, O God; * my God, haste thee to help me.

12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

13 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, * and will praise thee more and more.

14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; * for I know no end thereof.

15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord GOD, * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!

19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me ! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

20 Thou hast brought me to great honour, * and comforted me on every side:

21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

22 My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

† All may sit for the reading of the Word.

THE FIRST LESSON.....*Leviticus 20:1-8*

Reader: Here beginneth the first verse of the 20th Chapter of the Book of Leviticus.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel. Whosoever he be of the

children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

† *All stand and sing the Benedictus es, Domine.*

CANTICLE: Benedictus es, Domine (Prayer of Abednego)

BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

† *All may be seated for the reading of the Word*

THE SECOND LESSON.....*Philippians 1:27-2:18*

Reader: Here beginneth the 27th Verse of the First Chapter of the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians.

ONLY let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with **me**.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

† *All stand and sing the Jubilate Deo.*

CANTICLE: Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands; * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves, * we are his people, and the sheep of his pastures.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son * and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.

Amen.

† *All may sit after the Sermon prayer.*

THE SERMON

† *All stand for the Creed.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day

right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

† *All kneel.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Those dear tokens of his passion, still his dazzling body bears
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on
those glorious scars.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee high on thine eternal throne
Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

THE BLESSING

Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ.

All. **Thanks be to God.**