

Morning Prayer

October 30, 2022

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The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 26C

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Prelude: *Sonata in B minor, BWV 1014: Adagio* J.S. Bach

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 688

A mighty fortress is our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time.

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

All remain standing as they are able.

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of the Holy One, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

All then kneel as they are able.

Silence is kept.

Presider and 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.**

The Presider stands and says

Fear not, sisters and brothers: God, who is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love, meets us in our sin and transforms us for God's glory and the healing of God's world.
✠ Our sins are forgiven; let us be now at peace. **Amen.**

All stand as they are able.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Holy One is in our midst:
O come, let us worship.

Invitatory

Jubilate: Psalm 100

**May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve you with gladness, and come before your presence with a song.
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.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you, and call upon your Name.
For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 32:1-8 *to be prayed responsively, beginning with the women, followed by the men*

- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
⁶**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
⁸**You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10-18

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams,
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

**Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,**

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;**

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Thessalonica.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Hymn

WLP 782

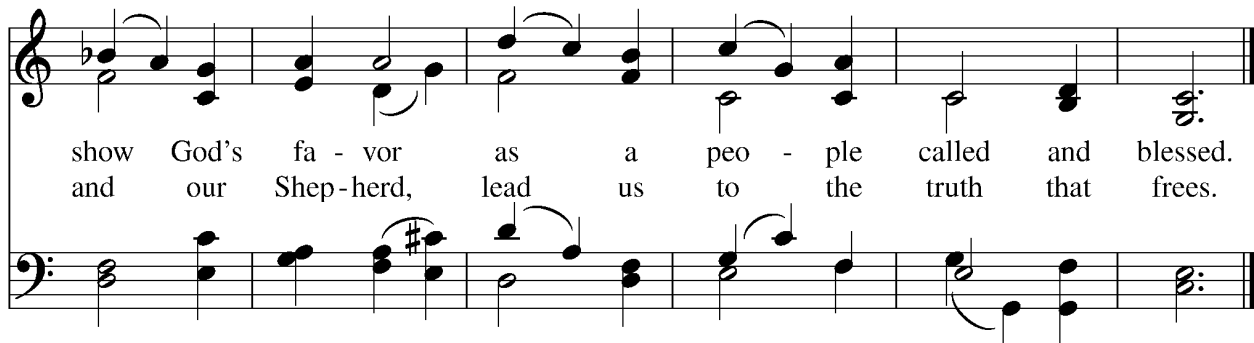
Gracious Spirit, give your servants

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior



Remain seated.

Third Reading

Luke 19:1-10

A Reading from Luke.

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. ³And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”



Here ends the Reading.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

The Apostles' Creed

The Presider and the People

I believe in God,

**the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider and the People

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

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people may then remain standing, or kneel as they are able

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Presider O Lord, we come before you asking that you listen to us and cleanse us from our sins. Let us pray to God, saying, “O God make us worthy of your call, that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.”

Intercessor God, we offer back to you the Church. We remember in our prayers all the leaders of your Church. We remember our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We remember all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Paul’s, Brighton; and St Barnabas, Pizarette, and St Bartholomew, San Cristobal, in the Dominican Republic; those in Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; and for all the members of Christ’s body. May we be steadfast in faith and fervent in prayer. May we worship you with clean hands and pure hearts. O God make us worthy of your call, **that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.**

Silence is kept.

O God, we offer back to you our nation. Compel us to do good and seek justice. Guide our decision-making that we may be a people who do your will. O God make us worthy of your call, **that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.**

Silence is kept.

O God, we offer back to you our cities. Establish them on the strong foundation of love and justice. O God make us worthy of your call, **that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.**

Silence is kept.

O God, we offer back to you those things you have created for our survival and pleasure. May we be faithful stewards of all we have. May our gifts be used to glorify your Son, support your Church, and bless the world. Open our hearts in thanksgiving [especially for _____].

O God, we offer back to you all those on our hearts and minds this day [especially _____]. May they come to know you as the God of their salvation. By your grace preserve them in trouble and surround them with shouts of deliverance.

O God, we offer back to you all who have died [especially _____]. We praise you for their faith and witness. And we ask that they experience the fullness of grace and peace in your heavenly home. O God make us worthy of your call, **that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.**

Silence is kept.

Presider God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together, and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation, and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

Offertory

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

LEVAS 72

Just a closer walk

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly
Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long — As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? — None but thee, dear — Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er — To Thy king - dom — shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, — Let it be, dear — Lord, let it be.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude: Sonata in B Minor, BWV 1014: Allegro J.S. Bach

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We welcome and thank violinist Liza Dale for her music and her presence with us today!

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help in these days of high food costs. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food In-Gathering is November 20**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Oct. 30 John Wyclif: Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384
- 31 Paul Shinji Sasaki, Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946;
and, Philip Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan, China, 1954
- Nov. 1 All Saints

- 2 All Souls/All the Faithful Departed
- 3 Richard Hooker, Priest and Theologian, 1600

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October 30, 2022 – Pentecost 21C

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

In the beginning of his second letter to the Thessalonians, Paul gives thanks for the faithfulness and love found in that community. He says that he holds them up as an example to everyone he meets, and also that he continues to pray for them, that they might continue along the path that they seem to be on. In addition to faith and love, however, Paul prays for resolve for them, and works of faith. He prays that these will occur by God’s power, but it is clear that he thinks these a naturally outgrowth or next step following from faithfulness. It is by resolve and good works that Paul says the name of Jesus will be glorified in the community.

- Is there someone whose faithfulness and love you admire? Have you thought about praying for them, that they might continue on this path?
- Have you ever asked anyone to pray for your faith, or that you might be more loving?
- What works do you feel that God may be leading you to? How might you work to glorify the name of Jesus in your community?

Luke 19:1-10

The story of Zacchaeus is an interesting one. Jesus simply happens to be passing through Jericho when he sees Zacchaeus in a sycamore tree and tells him to come down so that Jesus can stay at his home that evening. Zacchaeus, of course, is a rich man and a tax collector, and for this reason is a known sinner in the community. He has profited off of his neighbors. And yet, Jesus still comes to him. In the end, Zacchaeus gives away half of his possessions to the poor and pays back anyone he has wronged. Jesus uses Zacchaeus as an example, proclaiming that he, too, is a son of Abraham. While we often speak (and rightly so) of a preferential option for the poor. Zacchaeus, however, is something of a counterexample, showing us that while we should indeed privilege the marginalized, that does not necessarily mean that we should marginalize the privileged.

- How do we as Christians bring the Gospel to all, even those we might think to be sinners?
- What privileges might you have that could be used to spread the Good News?

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of
Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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