

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Introit: Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
Glory be 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.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

### Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.  
O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual: Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

### Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15–22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.  
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Psalm 96:1–9

- <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**
- <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**
- <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
**he is to be feared above all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
**but the LORD made the heavens.**
- <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;  
**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**
- <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
**tremble before him, all the earth!**

## Sermon “Whose likeness?” Matthew 22:15-22

### Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- P**...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.

- P**...through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

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