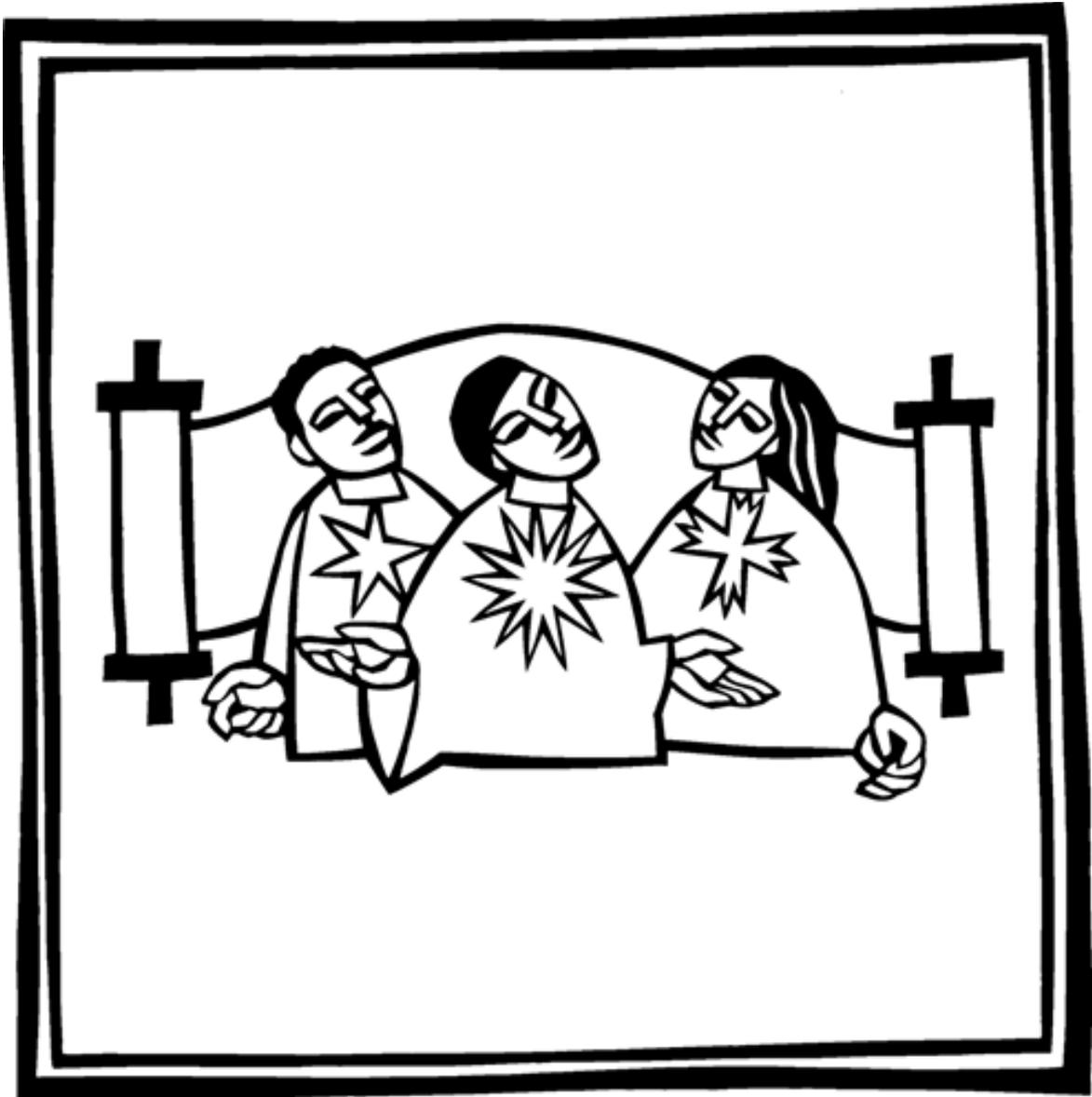


St. John Chrysostom Episcopal Church and School



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

Daily Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Sunday, October 25, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

Rev. Christopher reminds the people of God of the words of Jesus

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Christopher says to the people of God

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

The People of God pray together

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.

Rev. Christopher reminds us that we are forgiven as he says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

St. John's Episcopal Church Choir Leads and Dr. Johannes Stosch

VERSICLE

Rev. Christopher Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The People of God pray together

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.

ANTIPHON

Stephen Green

Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY

Roger Bradshaw

Please join me in the Invitatory by praying together after the asterisk

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

ANTIPHON

Stephen Green

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PSALM 1

Mike DeVries

Please pray Psalm 1 with me, responding with one voice after the asterisk.

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.

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.

THE LESSONS

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Joanne Bradshaw

A Reading from the book of Leviticus:

Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying:

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

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 Yahweh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

FIRST CANTICLE: The Song of Zechariah

Scotty King

Please join me in praying The Song of Zechariah by joining together after the asterisk

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, *
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE EPISTLE

Stephen Green

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessaloniki:

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.

SECOND CANTICLE: A Song of Christ's Humanity

Bob Hayden

Please join me in praying A Song of Christ's Humanity by joining together after the asterisk

Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *

and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself *

and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *

and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *

to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL

Mike DeVries

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

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.

Gospeler The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION BY REV. CHRISTOPHER

CHOIR ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

St. John's Episcopal Church Choir Leads and Dr. Johannes Stosch

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The People of God profess together

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.

THE PRAYERS

Rev. Christopher The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Rev. Christopher Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The People of God pray together

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.

SUFFRAGES

Joanne Bradshaw leads

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.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Please enter your prayers in the "Chat" function of the app and
we shall pray with you for your needs and thanksgivings.*

COLLECTS

Rev. Karen

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.**

Rev. Christopher

Lord of the teasing riddle,
whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path:
Give us a heart of passion,
a searching mind,
gentle strength of body
and unseen depths of soul,
that we might love you wholly
and our neighbor as ourself;
through Jesus Christ, the law of grace,
who lives with you and us, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Stephen Green

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from

violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Bob Hayden

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mike DeVries

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Scotty King

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

O Spirit of Life

St. John's Episcopal Church Choir Leads and Dr. Johannes Stosch

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

The People of God pray together

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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

<i>Rev. Christopher</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Rev. Christopher

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

EXCHANGE OF GOD'S PEACE

*If you wish to share peace with one another,
feel free to 'unmute' yourself in order to be heard among your brothers and sisters.*

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