

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hymn #460

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by His blood.**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore?"**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

*Officiant* Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that God may come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen.  
(Hosea 10:12)

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

*A brief silence for reflection follows.*

*Officiant* God the Creator and Source, Ruler of creation,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Incarnate Word, through whom all things were made,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Priest*

God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2. **Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**
  
5. **Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**

The Collects of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Most gracious God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in your church witnesses who, after the example of your servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and call boldly for the renewal of society to uplift the vulnerable in His name; through the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

*Reader* A reading from the book of Job.

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter;

God's hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find God,

that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,

and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,

and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

If I go forward, he is not there;

or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,

and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90

So teach us to number our days \*

**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Return, O God; how long will you tarry? \*

**Be gracious to your servants.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*

**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*

**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

Show your servants your works \*

**and your splendor to their children.**

May the graciousness of our God be upon us; \*

**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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## The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Philosophy Walker

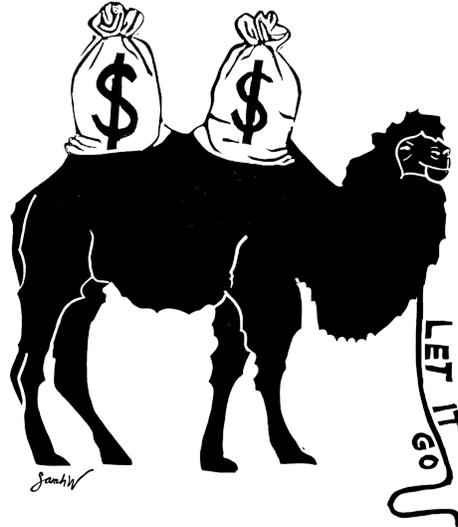


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## The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray, using the prayer Jesus taught us. You may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Priest* Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### Passing of the Peace

*Celebrant* You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* Holy God, your mercy is over all your works,  
and in the web of life each creature has its role and place.  
We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, tide and topsoil.  
Give us humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,  
And share the bounty of creation with all our neighbors.  
And may the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song: "Don't be afraid"

John Bell

**Don't be afraid, My love is stronger,  
My love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid, My love is stronger,  
And I have promised, promised to be always near.**