

# Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria • Proper 26C • October 30, 2022 • 21 Pentecost

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

God of the covenant, in Jesus your Son you came to seek out and save what was lost. Make us worthy of your call. Fulfill by your power our every good resolve, that we may have the joy of welcoming you into our homes. That we may have the joy of sharing with all people the good things of earth and heaven, release us of the burdens of our shortcomings as we humbly confess our sins against You and our neighbor.

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.

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.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **O come, let us adore him.** 

## Jubilate: Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;\* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God;\* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving: go into his courts with praise;\* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;\* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## Psalm 119:137-144

- 137 You are righteous, O LORD, \* and upright are your judgments.
- 138 You have issued your decrees \* with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me, \* because my enemies forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \* and your servant holds it dear.
- 141 I am small and of little account, \* yet I do not forget your commandments.
- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \* and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me,
  - yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \* grant me understanding, that I may live.

#### First Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Canticle B: A Song of Pilgrimage**

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young, \* I sought wisdom openly in my prayer. In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, \*

and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit, \* she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path, \* diligently from my youth have I pursued her. I inclined my ear a little and received her; \* I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, \* for I have resolved to live according to her way. From the beginning I gained courage from her, \* therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her,
\* therefore have I gained a good possession.

As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,\* and with it will I offer praise to God.

Amen

## **Second Lesson** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore 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.

To 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, so 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.

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## Canticle H: A Song of Hosea Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God, \* who has torn us and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, \* after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, \* that in God's presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, \* whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise. God's justice will come to us like a shower, \* like spring rains that water the earth.

## A reading from the **Gospel** according to Luke **19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Here ends the reading

Here follows the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Let us pray.

## **Collects**

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.** 

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## The Sermon

Canon Mark Hall

Sermon Music

## **The Prayers of the People**

We know our need of God's mercy. That the name of Jesus be glorified, let us commend our lives and all that we have to God's care, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, you are no discriminator of persons. Look then with love on all those who in this world are disregarded or despised. May all who seek salvation find a home in your heart and in the house of your church. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, lover of all who wander and who seek, you have taken up your dwelling among those who desire life and those who need compassion and understanding. Open their eyes to your presence, as Jesus opened the eyes of Zacchaeus by eating at his table. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, you have given your command that the riches of this world be turned to the service of the needy and the poor. Grant that those who control wealth and its distribution may be inspired by a strong sense of compassion and a desire for justice. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, you are the God of sinners and not of the just. Grant that we may despise none of those to whom you please to give your love. And we give thanks for the ministry of the Community of Divine Love on the anniversary of their founding; for they have committed themselves to the ministry of the incarcerated. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, may the desire to follow Christ consume our whole being, and make our hearts and homes receptive to your call, with the same zeal with which Zacchaeus sought Jesus and responded to his presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

We offer Prayers for Susie H. and Jennifer D. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Savior God, as Zacchaeus was blessed to receive Jesus into his home and responded with generosity to this gift, so may we and those whom we have here remembered be blessed in his name, so that it may be glorified without end. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, for he is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.** 

**Offertory:** Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

## Prayer over the gifts

God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day. May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## The Great Thanksgiving (EP A)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (Repeat) Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest (Repeat) Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (Repeat).

(The People stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father....

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray (sung):

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Then the celebrant and people pray together. Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or other suitable words.

The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God: Draw near with awe and faith, with praise and thanksgiving.

## **Communion of the People**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May the unity we know this day live in our community and family. Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Blessing:**

May the God of Justice and Mercy grace you with a full measure of his love, and may it flow through you to those around you, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Greet one another in the Lord's name.

## **Announcements**

Thanksgiving Prayer: We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

#### Dismissal:

Seeking to follow the Teacher who came not to be served but to serve, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.