The Season Following Pentecost 2020
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25th, 2020

St. Mary’s, Hamilton Village
The Episcopal Church at Penn
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Serving Today

Officiant....................... The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen
Deacon......................... The Rev. Deacon Barbara Tobin
Guest Organist................................. Michael Smith
Cantors... Tise Ogunmesa, Elle Rothermich, Pauli Reese

Lectors
Pattie Duncan, Vanessa Albert Lowry, Martin Bodtmann

Intercessor........................................... Jerene Good

Stewardship Moment......................... Elle Rothermich
Morning Prayer

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Our service begins at 10:50 AM with a ten-minute prelude, followed by a welcome and congregational hymn at 11 AM.

PRELUDE
J. S. Bach, Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)

Michael Smith, Improvisation on Brother James’ Air

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN
All hail the power of Jesus’s name, 1982 Hymnal 450

OPENING SENTENCE
Officiant
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People 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.

The Priest 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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant
Lord, open our lips.

People
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant 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 Officiant and People say the antiphon: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Then all say:
Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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Psalm 1

Lector
Psalm One, beginning with the First Verse.

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.

Readings
A period of silence will follow each reading.

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
Lector
A reading from the Book of Leviticus, the Nineteenth Chapter, beginning with the First Verse.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God 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 the Lord.

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 the Lord.
Surely, it is God who saves me; *
   I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
   and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
   from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
   Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
   see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
   and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
   for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.
A Reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, the Second Chapter, beginning with the First Verse.

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.

Here ends the Reading.
Together, all say:

The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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.

Gospel Reading  Marrhew 22:34-46

Officiant
A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew, the Twenty-Second Chapter, beginning with the Thirty-Fourth Verse.

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.

**Officiant**  Here ends the Reading.

**SERMON**  The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen

*A musical reflection will follow.*

**OFFERTORY**  
*Throughout October, we will be hearing stewardship reflections from members of St. Mary’s as we all prayerfully consider our pledges in support of the parish for 2021. Today’s reflection comes from Elle Rothermich. Our Stewardship Letter and 2021 Virtual Pledge Form are available [here](#). Please submit your pledge form by November 1st.*

**Sequence Hymn**  
How lovely is thy dwelling place, 1982 Hymnal 517

*Together, all say the:*  
**Apostles’ Creed**  

*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.

Prayers
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.
Lord’s Prayer

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,
    for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence within each bidding, the People are invited to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor
Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Grant us your tender care.”

A brief silence.

Attending to the natural earth, O God, we pray: that the seas and lands be cleansed of pollution; that both
rainstorms and droughts be moderated; and that animals retain their habitat. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, steadfast God:
Grant us your tender care.

Aware of disorder around the world, O God, we pray: that wars and armed terrorism cease; that violent extremism everywhere be calmed; that governments meet the needs of their poorest residents; that the days before our election be peaceful; and that all prejudice based on gender, color, orientation or ethnicity be rejected. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, sovereign God:
Grant us your tender care.

Facing the coronavirus, O God, we pray: that the pandemic and its anxieties subside; that medical personnel and services be everywhere supported; that any who are unemployed find work and all who have been evicted finding housing; and that a trustworthy vaccine be developed. . .

A brief silence.
Hear us, compassionate God:
Grant us your tender care.

Moved by the needs of all our neighbors, O God, we pray: for those suffering from discrimination; for those incarcerated or held in immigrant camps; for farmworkers and their children; for all who are hungry; and for those we name here before you. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, mothering God:
Grant us your tender care.

Thinking lastly of ourselves, O God, we pray: that we be enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that you receive our personal petitions. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, loving God:
Grant us your tender care.

Grateful for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially for all the people whose efforts reformed and renewed the church, O God, we pray that at the end we join with them in your glory:
A brief silence.

Hear us, eternal God:
Grant us your tender care.

Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your might and your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Officiant then says

Collect of the Day
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.

The Officiant then says

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.

Officiant and People say 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.
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. Amens.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.

The Priest gives a final blessing:
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amens.

Closing Hymn
Lord whose love in humble service, 1982 Hymnal 610

Postlude
Michael Smith, Improvisation on Blaenhafren
This musical offering concludes worship. All are welcome to join us during our Zoom Coffee Hour immediately following service!

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