

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 6, 2024

Opening Hymn: #376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:*** Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 26

**1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; ***

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

**9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,**

**10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.**

**11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.**

**12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.**

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Anthem: “Beside Still Waters”

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason, a man shall leave

his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you. We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives.

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Pamela Atwood (10/6); Ronald J. Kolanowski (10/8); Walter Paul Albert (10/11); Timothy O'Shea (10/11); and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Donna K.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for our deacons Donna and Marge and for all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; for all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small; *The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.*

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains, and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray this day?

Confession (*in unison*)

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: #416 "For the beauty of the earth"

The Doxology is sung while collection is brought forward

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*):

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-169

Musical score for Fraction Anthem S-169. The score is written on four staves of music. The first staff is labeled "CANTOR OR CHOIR" and begins with the lyrics "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second staff has two parts: "1 All" and "2 Cantor or Choir", with lyrics "deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my". The third staff has the lyrics "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My". The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

Communion Hymn: #335 "I am the Bread of Life"

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #366 "Holy God we praise thy Name" (vs.1-4)

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly-elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; for all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small; *The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, remembering especially Pamela Atwood (10/6); Ronald J. Kolanowski (10/8); Walter Paul Albert (10/11); Timothy O'Shea (10/11); and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for K-Leigh, Gloria, Judy, Donna K., and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

Continuing Prayer List

Neal Harris, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

The Vestry Meeting for this month will be held on October 10 at 6 p.m.

We will be hosting another **Blood Drive for the Red Cross** on Wednesday, October 23 from 1-6 p.m. There is always a need, but after the flooding in the South the need is huge. Please consider giving this life saving donation. One donation can save the lives of three people.