Holy Eucharist  †  8:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 24 | October 20, 2019

The Word of God

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We know your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies, * all the day long it is in my mind.

97 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.
98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

99 We beseech thee, O Lord, * that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; all the day long it is in my mind.

100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.
101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you have taught me.
103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way. Amen.

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

Gospel

18:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People

Glory to thee, O Lord...

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for people, because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continuing to come.' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"


Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word of God is now spoken and no response is made by the congregation.

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, Being One 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 the sake of his crucified 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.

Prayers of the People

The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world. Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy Holy Word hast taught us to make prayer and supplication, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy truth and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also to so rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their subjection, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution (congregation kneeling)

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are h weekly sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The World of God

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Lesson

Nicene Creed

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Matthew Lorentzen.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy holy angels, protect us in this our celebration. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and give thanks to thee, by thy Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this; all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The congregation begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrant says the words, “The Gifts of God for the People of God.”

The congregation stands for the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing.

Following Communion, the congregation stands for the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing.

We who are many are one body. We are all one body. We are one body of Christ. We are one in Christ.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

The congregation says the words, “The Gifts of God for the People of God.”

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.