

## *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24*



*“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s and to God the things that are God’s.” Matthew 22:15-22*

### *Church of Our Saviour*

*“Our Mission: to live out the gospel by transforming lives and neighborhoods in partnership, with innovation, and with compassion.”*

**October 18, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett, Rector  
Peter Wright, Choir Director  
Michael McGroarty, Musician

# Church of Our Saviour Episcopal

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We invite you to experience God's love and ours. We are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are bound together by our common liturgy, not a rigid set of doctrines. So how we sing and pray and relate to one another is very important to us. Wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you and invite you to make your place with us. Come share our joys and sorrows as we share in yours. God is alive for everyone here regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or life history. Join singles, couples, partners and families of every description that make up our community of faith. Rejoice with us in our diversity.

## Parish Prayer

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of Our Saviour be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Welcome, Guests

If you are joining us online for the first time this morning, we hope you will consider making Church of Our Saviour your church home during this period of suspended in-person worship.

**Liturgy of the Word**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24**

♪ Prelude:

Ringing of the “Welcome” Bell

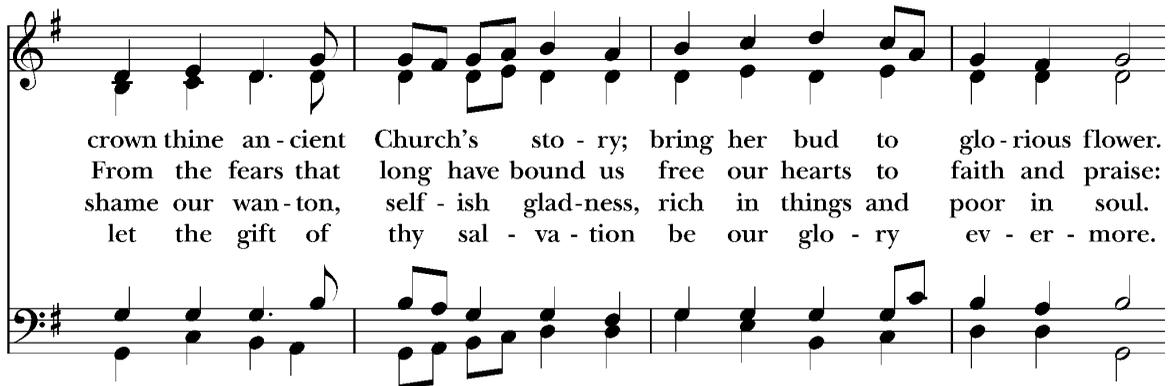
♪ Opening Hymn

**Hymnal #594** God of grace and God of glory

*Cum Rhondda*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

## Collect for Purity

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

Response: **Amen**

♪ Hymn of Praise      Hallelujah! We sing your praises!      WLP #784

Hal - le - lu - jah!    We sing your    prais - es!    All our  
Ha - le - lu - ya!    Pe - lo    isa    ro - na,    di    tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness!    Hal - le - lu - jah!    We sing yo  
bi - le    ka - o - fe - la.    Ha - le - lu - ya!    Pe - lo    ts,

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Fine

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen**

### First Reading      Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him--  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

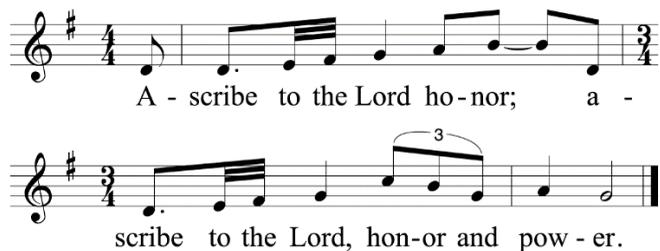
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)**

## Psalm 96



A - scribe to the Lord ho - nor; a -  
scribe to the Lord, hon - or and pow - er.

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### *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Refrain*

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods. *Refrain*

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

*Refrain*

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

*Refrain*

10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

*Refrain*

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.]

*Refrain*

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

## ♪ Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #665 All my hope of God is founded

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

## **Holy Gospel** – The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

People’s Response before the Gospel Proclamation: **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

People’s Response following the Gospel Proclamation: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon**

Seminarian, Jon M. Coventry

*The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP p. 851).*

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

## **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

## **Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: Central to every gathering of Christians for worship is intercessory prayer. Our prayer is always for the church and the world.

Intercessor: With the whole people of God in Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*

Intercessor: Lord of the church, help us to give to you what is yours. Make us faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures. Bless and strengthen our Presiding Bishop Michael, our bishops Mark, William, and Arthur and our priest Debra in their proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Lord of creation, help us to share our bounties. Plant in us a willing and able desire to utilize the world's resources wisely and without bias. Hear us, O God

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Lord of the nations, help us to put aside malice. Teach us to fight for justice, to liberate the oppressed, and to advocate for those who have no voice. We pray for peace in those areas where there is strife and for the President, his advisors and members of all branches of the U.S. government and our state and local government. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Lord of Life, help us in our need. Restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those who are sick and soothe those who despair (especially...Christopher, David, Pam, Susan, Christine, Joe, Chris, Derwood, Ruth, Judy, Glynn, Patricia, Patty, Tom, Danny, Emily, Rob, Jeff, Mikey, Anthony, Norma, Clarence, Dan, Steve, Leslie, Nancy R., Marilyn M.,

Bill, Marsha, Roger, William, Mitchell, Helen, Richard S., Bob, Kym, Kelly, Stephanie, Joslyn, Mia, Virginia, Michelle, Chris D., Randy and Helen, Raymond, Katie, Robin, Fred, Susan S., Judy, Richard and Joyce Metz, Shirley W., Sandy, Ramon, Jessica, Tim, Dianne, Kylie, Nakiim, The Merton Family, Nancy, Hannah, Mary, Julie, Amy, David, Karly, Mid, Christina, Jeff, Richard D., Tammy, David S., Michael D., Scott, Karen; Chuck, Mike, Ebony & the First Energy crew; Aunt Abbie, Eve & Katie, the People of El Salvador, the Penix family, Elvera,, Rita, the victims of the hurricanes and wildfires, Donna C., Shawn, Betty & the Brady Family, Dina & James, Bishop Tutu and family, Jamesetta, Seti, the Jeffrey family, Jim and Joseph). Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Bring comfort and grace to all those affected by the COVID-19 contagion, especially parents of children home from school, people dependent on food pantries, the homeless, students & teachers, health care workers & first responders, daycare workers and funeral directors. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: We pray for our seminarians Megan and Jon and all seminarians as they continue their discernment toward ordination. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: O God, you care for all your people, watch over all those serving in the military. May they feel your peace and protection. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Lord of all, help us support one another. Bless our communities, sustain local businesses, and remove enmity between neighbors. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor says: (*You may add other intercessions - silently or aloud*), Hear us,  
O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor: Lord of resurrection, help us to rejoice in your promises. Gladden the hearts of those who grieve. Greet those who die with your reviving grace. We pray for all the faithful departed, let light perpetual shine upon. Hear us, O God,

*People: For your mercy is great.*

Presider: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

*People: Amen*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Absolution**

*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*

**The Peace**      “The Peace of Christ be always with you”

**Response:** “And also with you”

### **Commemorative Prayers**

*The priest offers prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events*

### **Announcements**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*People and Presider*

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.



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? \_\_\_\_\_ Who with me my bur - den  
 3. Time for me will be no more; \_\_\_\_\_ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

*Refrain:* Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, \_\_\_\_\_ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

*D.C. for Refrain*

1. long \_\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 2. shares? \_\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, none but thee.  
 3. o'er \_\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom \_\_\_\_\_ shore, to thy shore.

*Refrain:* thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, let it be.

## Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

## ♪ Postlude

**Today's Lectors:** Susan K. & Jennifer B.

## Birthdays This Week:

October 19—Lauren Jackson, October 22—Ron Kirksey