

ST+BARTS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 25, 2020



The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

As we continue to read through the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear another of the confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees. Last week they tried to discredit him with the people and the government; today they test his orthodoxy. Jesus answers their question in correct Jewish form and then counters with a question to them. This passage is leading toward the Christian belief that Jesus is more than a descendent of King David; he is the Son of God.

The first reading is a portion of the giving of the Law. In it, love and faithfulness toward God is to be expressed by love and care for human beings. This is the same principle that Jesus upholds in the Gospel reading.

In the second reading, Paul continues his greetings to the Thessalonian church, reminding them of his original visit to them and of his love and affection for them.

In the Eucharist, we experience the dual nature of our own existence: related to God and yet human. We are not simply living at the human level but through baptism are bearers of divinity. In the mundane elements of common food and drink, we meet God. Likewise, in our lives our human nature is permeated by God's nature. This is the reason we can pray; this is the reason we are sent into the world to minister to others.

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ST. BART'S MISSION IS TO RESTORE ALL PEOPLE TO UNITY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING THIS THROUGH PRAYER, WORSHIP, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND PROMOTING JUSTICE, PEACE, AND LOVE.

-The Catechism, The Book Common Prayer p. 855

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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD



PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider BLESSED BE GOD: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE SOCIAL ORDER

Presider THE LORD be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

GRANT, O GOD, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider THE LORD be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

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.

Reader THE WORD of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Reader Please join me in reciting the Psalm as printed in your bulletin.

Psalm 1

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.

THE EPISTLE

Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

Reader THE WORD of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospeller
People

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Gospeller
People

THE GOSPEL of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mike McClain

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 worshipped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please feel free to submit your prayer requests through Facebook during the service.

You can also submit your prayers during the week through our homepage, www.stbartsbeaverton.org

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark, Jeff, Heidi and Brian.

Silence

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We give thanks for St. Bart's and for every member of our community.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, thank you for this community during these challenging times;

People **May we all work together to be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We give thanks for our St. Bart's scholars who are engaged in four-years of study in the *Education for Ministry* program.

We pray for: Nancy, Steve, Ron, Diana, Leslie, Phyllis, Ocean, Arlene, Katie and program leaders Debbie and Mike+. We pray for those the Holy Spirit might be moving to join EFM.

Intercessor Lord, inspire, guide, and sustain them as they study to better know you;

People **May we also follow the Spirit's leading and seek a closer relationship with you.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We pray for those expecting the birth of a child, we pray for Rachel & Daniel Garcia (October), and for Dan and Hannah Gibbs (December).

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER TO SUFFERING AND DEATH, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 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, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
 your will be done, on earth_ as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are ____ yours,
 now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider THE GIFTS OF GOD for the People of God.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Henri Frederic Amiel

LIFE IS SHORT and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of ineffable grace beyond our understanding, but who made us and knows us and loves us and walks this path with us, fill you with His grace, surround you with His love, and strengthen you for the journey and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Presider LET US GO FORTH in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION from 11:30 – 12:30. Join us!

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All Will Be Well - Keep the Faith!