



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 408

Sing praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

The Greeting

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Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

S280

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons, the People sit

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

[32: 1 – 14]

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The

Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106: 1 – 6, 19- 23

Confitemini Domino

BCP p. 741

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited.

Refrain

Mode 1

De - clare the migh - ty acts of God our Sa - vior.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

[4: 1 – 9]

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 654

O for a closer walk with God

CAITHNESS

The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 22: 1 – 14]

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.

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

As you are able, stand or kneel for prayer.

Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.

Deacon: As Moses interceded with God for the sake of the people, so let us offer our intercessions on behalf of others, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: That we may clothe ourselves in garments befitting the faithful: compassion, joy, generosity, gladness of spirit, intentionality of life-style, and dedication to the way of our beloved Jesus; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr. Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers, and Jean, preparing for ordination. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for the clergy and people of St. Martin, Dundee; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Mageda Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of the Anglican Woman's Fellowship; in our own Diocese we pray for the clergy and people of St Andrew, Des Moines, St. Luke Des Moines, St. Mark, Des Moines; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Allen and Katie, Carol, John and Sue, Ryan and Melissa, Lars and Jamie, John, Michael, Myrt, Scott

and Denise, and for those preparing for marriage: Catherine and Brad; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of the Church of the Province of Uganda. That the Church may be a refuge for the poor and lost, the lonely and those who hunger after righteousness, revealing through fragile human beings the sings of God's glorious kingdom; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. For peace in our time, that we may not linger in our efforts to secure hope for the peoples of the world, and the prosperity that peace inspires; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That we may not make idols out of the many technologies and consumer products that entice our imaginations, but use them as tools for God's mission and glory; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We especially remember William Lozier and the Lozier family; That the departed may dwell in the house of the Lord forever; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the beauty of the earth, the fruits of the sea, the rising and setting of the sun, and all the marvelous gifts of God's creation, that in our wonder we may rededicate ourselves to a stewardship of the environment, so that generations to come may enjoy such pleasure; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We continue our prayers in Christ, whose mercy endures forever.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently, aloud or typed in the comments.

Concluding Collect, spoken in unison

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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All kneel as able, and the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Announcements for October 11, 2020

Due to COVID-19 the building is closed to all group meetings until the Coronavirus abates.

The Cathedral Office is closed except by appointment and for essential needs only. Voice mails may be left for staff at 515-288-7292 and will be checked regularly. Emails are also welcome at the following email addresses:

Amma Nicola: ammanicola@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Fr. Zeb: fatherzeb@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Deacon John: deacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

John Zickefoose: administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Although we cannot gather, there are ways we can be together during the week, and we hope you will join with us for these on-line services:

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM every week on Wednesday

Evening Prayer: 5:45 PM every week on Thursday

Virtual Coffee Hour: After worship every week on Sunday

Log-Ins can be found in our weekly e-blast

You may email administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org to receive our e-blast.

If you do not have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer at home, you may access it online at bcponline.org.

SECOND SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION SUNDAY, TODAY AT 4:00PM

You are invited to join us in prayer for the nation at a special online service hosted and co-led by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines and Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, at 4 pm on today. The services will incorporate readings, collects, and music with invitation and blessing to be given by Bishop Scarfe.

The service will be found on the [Diocesan Facebook page](#), the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#), and will be available on the diocesan website. Call-in option for members who only have access to phones (participants on the phone will NOT be able to be heard but will be able to hear the service): 312 626 6799 and enter the Meeting ID as prompted: 365 765 527#

Financial Giving

The expenses of the church continue through the COVID-19 crisis and so does our ministry.

Financial contributions can mailed:

815 High St. Des Moines, IA 50309

given online: cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

or texted: 515-207-8133

If you would like to make a contribution to support those experiencing hardship please note that your gift is for the "Clergy Discretionary Fund"

Facebook

You can learn more about what we are doing at St. Paul's by following our Facebook Page:

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul-Episcopal

And by joining our private Facebook Group:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

We also have a private Facebook Group for parents and kids:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Kids Des Moines

We'd love to hear your prayer requests, share events with you, and connect as a community.