

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 396

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

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)

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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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons, the People sit

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

[33: 12 – 23]

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in

my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

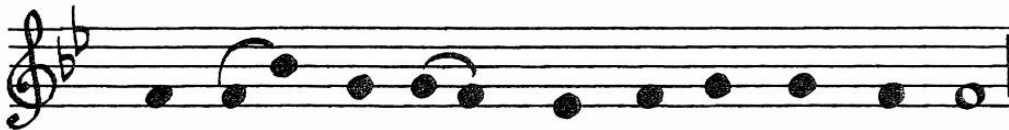
Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

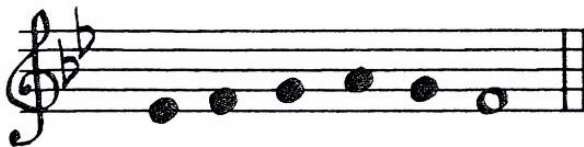
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The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited.

REFRAIN



Pro-claim the great-ness 'of the Lord our God;



he is the Ho-ly One.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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

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: In the name of Jesus, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: For the desire to reflect God's abundant treasures, freely given for the mission of the Church in the world, our faithful commitment to the poor and those in need; 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. Luke, Downfield and Centre of Mission; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Nakpudu Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of Ezulwini Parish; in our own Diocese we pray for the clergy and people of Trinity Cluster: St. Paul, Harlan; Trinity, Denison; & Trinity, Carroll; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Robert, Charles, Breaca, James, Marian, Scotty, Carlyn, Richard, Elvin, John, John, Paul, Kirsten, preparing for confirmation, and Catherine and Brad, preparing for marriage; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church. In thanksgiving for missionaries who serve in foreign lands; may they proclaim the gospel message of hope to those who live in places of instability, and reveal to us at home their extraordinary faith and charity; let us pray.

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

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. In thanksgiving for those who serve in our government, especially those unseen workers who toil in federal and state offices, and who attend to the details of daily responsibilities; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for our Creator who formed the darkness and formed the light, leading us through both, so that we may be transformed into a holy people; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the faithful departed, including Vern Roberts, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus, let us add to these prayers.

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

Concluding Collect, spoken by the Celebrant

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, teach your people to rely on your strength and to accept responsibility to elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. **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 18, 2020
**Due to COVID-19 the building is closed to all group meetings until the
Coronavirus abates.**

Upcoming services at St. Paul's:

October 25

- Outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am only
- Diocesan Convention Service livestreamed from St. Paul's at 10:00am;
Bishop Scarfe presiding and preaching

November 1

All Saints' Day

Services of Holy Eucharist resume at 8:00am and 10:00am in St. Paul's sanctuary. Worshippers are required to wear a face-covering at all times while inside the building and to exercise 6' physical distancing. We look forward to welcoming you to worship! Detailed information to follow.

Chat In The Garden

We've been physically distanced for a long while now, and sometimes we just need to see each other face to face! That's why we're having chats in the garden. These will be held at 4 pm on Sundays October 18th, and 25th. We will close each chat with prayer. Space is limited to 10 people per chat. Sign up is required, along with facial coverings and social distancing. You might also consider bringing a camping chair and a warm blanket. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: [Chat In the Garden](#) To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you!

Although we cannot gather, there are ways we can be together during the week,
and we hope you will join with us for

Morning Prayer at 9:00am every Wednesday

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.

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

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.