



# The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church  
October 25, 2020

## The Word of God

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** 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.*

## Song of Praise

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The First Reading

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*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 Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 22:34-46*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

**People**      **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.

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**All** 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 Form VI

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

**Leader** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

**Leader** For all people in their daily life and work;

**All** **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

**Leader** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All** **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Leader** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All** **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

**Leader** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

**Leader** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All** **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

**Leader** For our Presiding Bishop and all bishops and other ministers;

**All** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

**Leader** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

**Leader** Hear us, Lord;

**All** **For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence*

**Leader** We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

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

*Silence*

**Leader** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**All** Who put their trust in you.

*Adapted from the BCP*

## Confession and Absolution

**Celebrant** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Celebrant** 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

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you

## The Offertory

*Desert Song*

# The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All**            **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant**    We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

**All**            Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

**Celebrant**    And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

**Celebrant**    As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray  
**All**            **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant** Let us pray  
**All** 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.

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**  
*Your Grace is Enough*

**Dismissal**

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Robyn Murphy in memory of the passing of Virginia Murphy on October 25, 1998*

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

October 24 - Gianna Glave  
 October 24 - Ian McCarty  
 October 26 - Joshua Martinez

### TIME CHANGE

Remember to set your clocks **BACK** an hour **THIS SATURDAY, October 31st**

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

### All Saints Day

**NEXT Sunday, November 1**, Mother Tracey would like to commemorate all of those whom you love who have gone before us. Please bring a photograph, preferably framed, or a small token to represent those people in your life, before November 1st if possible. We will display them on the altar for the Eucharistic prayer that day, as well as remember the names of those you would like us to remember. **Please send those names to [christina@smaalongview.org](mailto:christina@smaalongview.org) prior to October 28th.**

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Greeter:** Ron Raif  
**Lector:** Ruby Hahne  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Andrew Sanders  
**Worship Tech:** Jessica Sanders

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Aaron & Roni
- Jo Lee
- Jeff
- Becky
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO [SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG](mailto:SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG) ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
09/27/20	\$1,709	\$3,065	-\$1,356
10/04/20	\$2,677	\$3,065	-\$388
10/11/20	\$1,353	\$3,065	-\$1,712
10/18/20	\$2,831	\$3,065	-\$234
YTD TOTALS	\$104,821	\$128,723	-\$23,902

## Next Sunday's Servers (11/01)

**Danny's Team:** Laura Buckner  
**Greeter:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Lector:** Javier Glave  
**Ushers:** Ron Raif  
**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

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