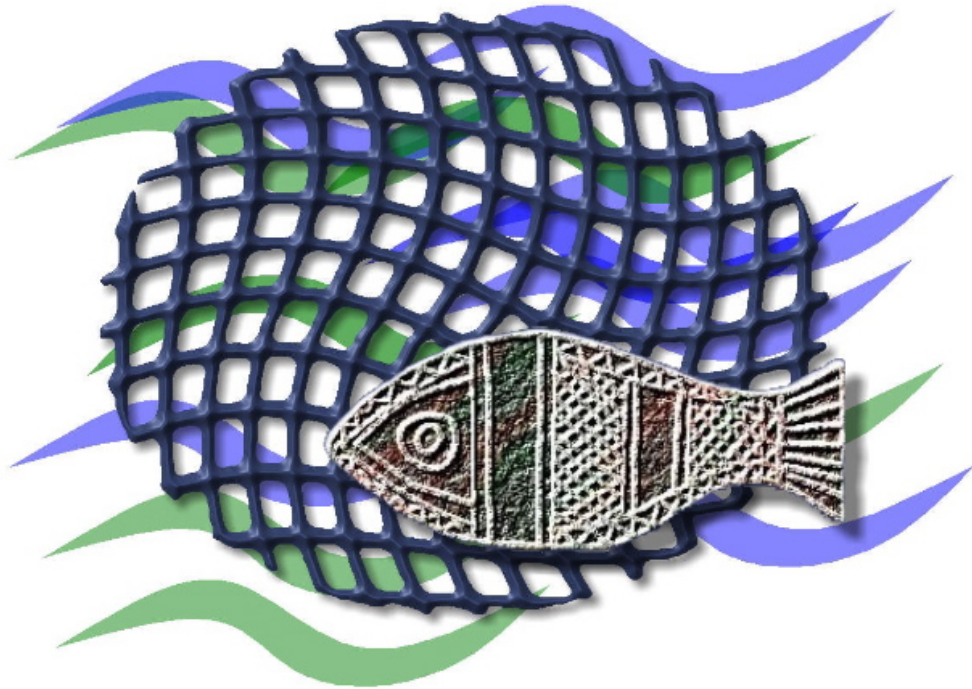


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico  
Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Meditation

Louis Vierne

Louis Vierne - organ, Notre Dame, Paris (1929)

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THE HYMN

God is Love



# THE WORD OF GOD

## The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

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

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 HYMN OF PRAISE #408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Westminster Choir, Princeton



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills; to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 All is just and all is right; to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone; to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.  
 Music: Alt *Prædica zart*, melody from "Une pastourille gentille," 1529; adapt. *Parasceve cômposée de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengesang darinnen die  
 Heubtuettel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.....Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.  
7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.  
9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.  
11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.  
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.  
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## THE SECOND LESSON

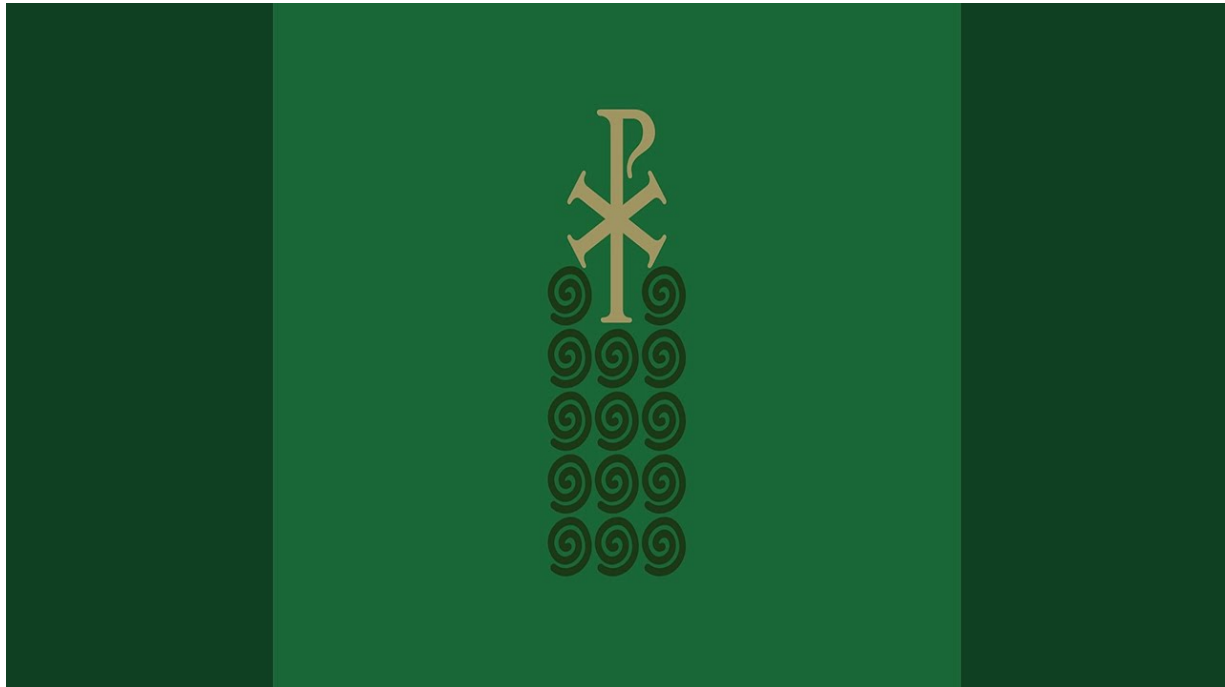
Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill . eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Words: George Herbert (1333-1333)

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All who are one in faith are invited to pray the Spiritual Communion  
with the congregation of St. James.

THE OFFERTORY

It is Well With My Soul

arr. René Clausen

The Chapel Choir - Duke University



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*The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457).*

*When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.*

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.



He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*In your own words, pray for your own needs, for those on your heart,  
for the peace of the world, and for the Church.  
After offering these intercessions, continue with*

### The Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and for all the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done. Especially I confess....Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. Amen.

### The Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. Amen.

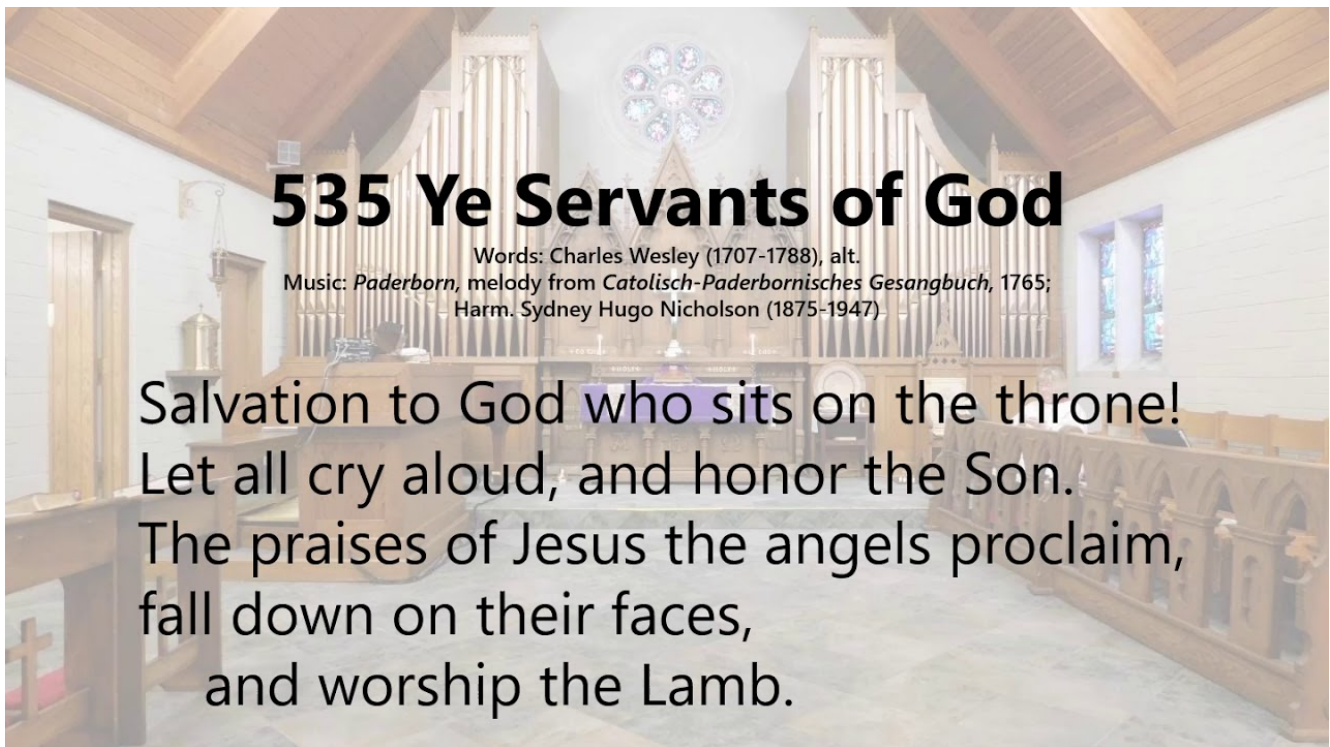
## THE PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE HYMN #535

Ye servants of God

Choir of Girton College, University of Cambridge



## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

Vincent Dubois - organ, Notre Dame, Paris



Those persons who need our prayers, love, and support

Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Bill, Michael,  
Cynthia Anne, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean, Ben, Elaine,  
Alexandra, Susanne, Wendy, Watt, Shirley, Derek, Amanda,  
Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo, Caryle, Roy

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, esp.  
Hal Lundrum, Rosemary Cain, Marilyn Farrow,  
Jesse Martinez, Newell Boughton.

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