

# LECTIONARY 24

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

"Gavotte I & II" from English Suite in G Minor, BWV 808

J. S. Bach

Julianne Maggio

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Ⓟ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems,  
and sustains us and all of creation.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

☪ **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free  
ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**

**and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. Amen**

Ⓟ God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

☪ **Amen**

# GATHERING HYMN: 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

## GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

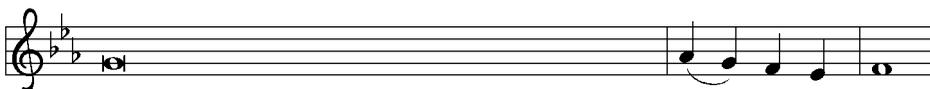
## KYRIE

**A** 

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** 

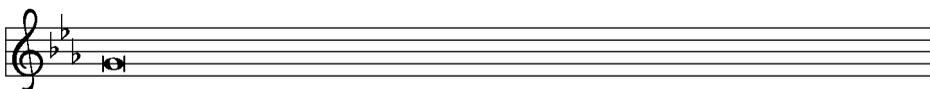
Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** 

Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 

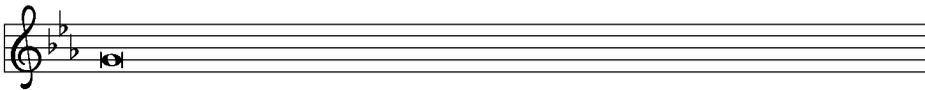
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** 

Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**G** 

Lord, have mercy.

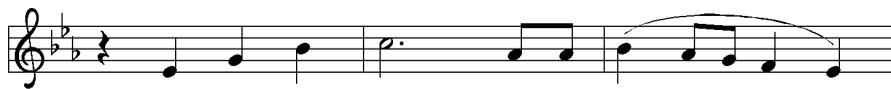
**A** 

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**G** 

A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



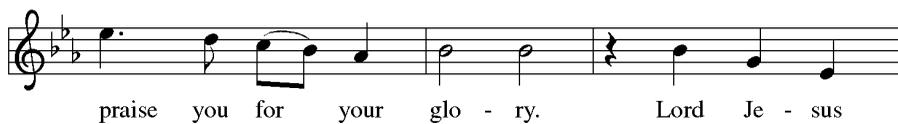
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



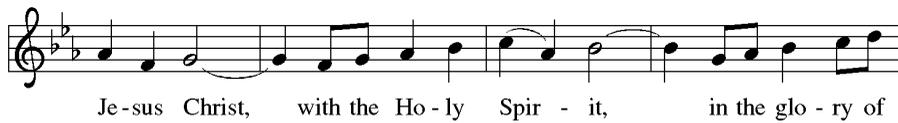
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



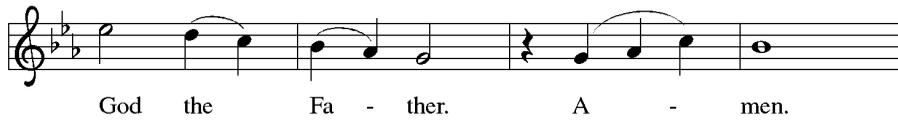
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

*After the reading:*

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

*After the reading:*

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:31-35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

605 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

DETROIT



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart;
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- A** Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence...*

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. We pray for Christ Episcopal and Fr. John; for WBMD staff, Dawn and Jane; for Schwarzwald Lutheran and Pr. Steve; for Trinity's staff – Pr. Alan, Deaconess Deborah, Karen, Peter, Matt, Rachel, Dave and Dee; and for Common Ground, Pr. Tom and Michael. Strengthen our life together and equip us for service. Give creativity to our ministries of education and growth as we seek to nurture the faith we hold dear in these difficult times. Bless those throughout the church who labor today for God's work. Our hands. Ministries. Especially we pray that our poncho donations and tie-dye masks for Common Ground may prove to be gifts of love and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed those who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving, especially Dick, Luther, Chris, Darryl, Jenn, Jay, Ina, Grete, Pete, Bob, Kate, Erica, Tom, Brink, Richard, David, Darlene, Jody, and all who have been exposed to or infected by Covid-19. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of understanding and mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. We pray especially today for Linda; Ben, CJ, McKenzie & Cobi; Rodger & Chris; Nancy; and Stephen, Helen, Lian, Maya & Yani. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen**

## **PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING MEDITATION**

### **ANTHEM**

*O Lord, whose mercies numberless from "Saul"*

Georg Friedrich Händel

Andrew Maggio, baritone    Julianne Maggio, piano

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

## LORD'S PRAYER

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** 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 forever. Amen

## BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen

# SENDING HYMN

665 Rise, Shine, You People

WOJTKIEWIECZ



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet March*

Jeremiah Clarke

Ed. & arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

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We thank the Richters for reading scripture this week.

We welcome and thank Julianne and Andrew Maggio for today's special music.

Julianne is a 2016 graduate of Westminster Choir College. She received her two Bachelors of Music in Piano and Music Education and Master of Arts in Teaching during her time at Westminster. She spent the past 3 years as High School Vocal Music Director in the Kutztown Area School District. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Musical Arts at Boston University, and will be continuing her teaching career in Kutztown as the Elementary General and Vocal Music Teacher beginning this fall.

Andrew is a 2014 graduate of Westminster Choir College, holding a Bachelors of Music in Music Education. He has sung with The C4 Collective in NYC and currently is on the roster of the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir. Outside of singing, Andrew spends his time reading and hanging out with his wife and pet rabbit. He currently practices as a nurse at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

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