

LECTIONARY 29

OCTOBER 18, 2020



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE: *A Secret Power*

Ned Rorem

Lars Pottiger, organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Ⓟ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen**

P Most merciful God,

☑ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Ⓟ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake god forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: 831 The God of Abraham Praise

YIGDAL

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake— its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.


Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797

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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.

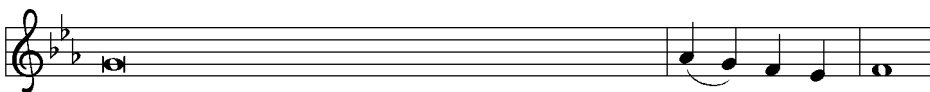
KYRIE

A 

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 

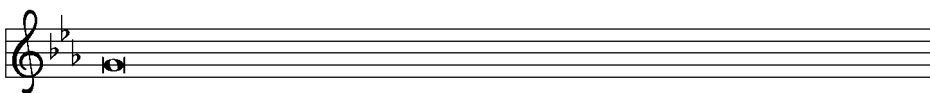
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 

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

C 

Lord, have mer - cy.

A 

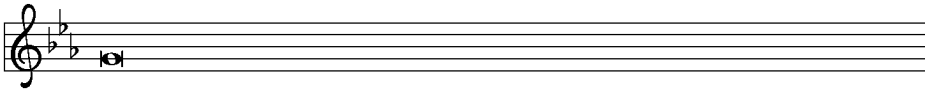
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

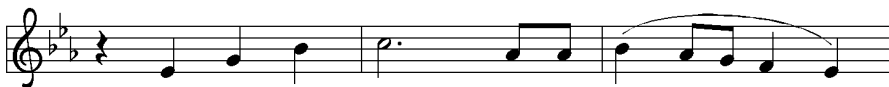
A 

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



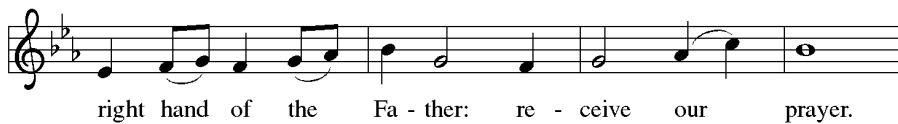
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



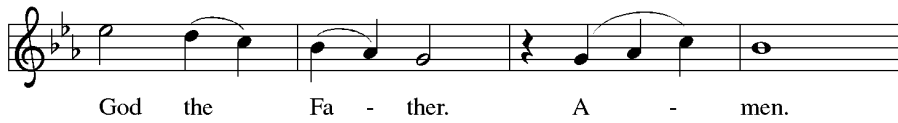
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



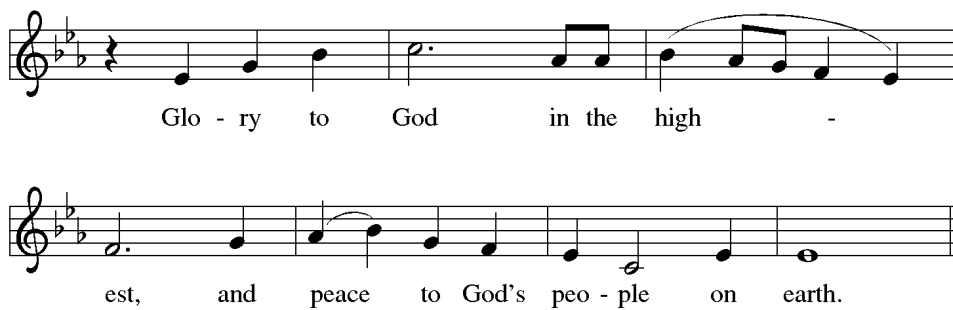
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

After the reading:

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

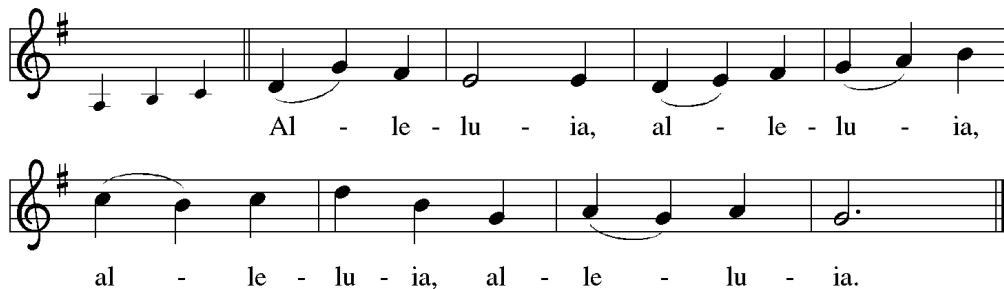
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

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 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

- 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: 713 O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray,
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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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 With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence...

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We pray for Christ Episcopal and Fr. John; for Incarnation Lutheran; for Trinity Lutheran – Wernersville, Pr. Julie & Deacon Carol; for our Northeast Pennsylvania Synod, meeting in Assembly this weekend and next; for Common Ground, Pr. Tom and Michael; and for all churches who preach Jesus and his salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.
Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.
Lord, in your mercy ,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, especially Janet, Russ, CJ, Pamela, Dick, Darryl, Fred, Cathy, Pete, Kate, Richard, David, Darlene, Mary, Gloria, and all who have been exposed to or infected by Covid-19. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy ,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of compassion, accompany those who cannot leave their homes and those who live in care facilities, often separated from those they love. We pray especially today for Joan, Sarah, Thelma, Joan H, Betty & Karl; Ruth, Walter, and Tom. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of life, you have created us and all people in your own image. Give us grace to recognize your Spirit within ourselves and within others. We give you special thanks today for Russ; John & Pat; Matthew; Laura & Neil; and Eric, Brooke, Reagan, Jillian and Declan. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING MEDITATION

ANTHEM

Adagio

Arcangelo Vivaldi

Ed. and arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

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, 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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. 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

825 You Servants of God

LYONS

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia

Henry Purcell

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We thank Jessica and Cathy Manning for reading scripture and leading us in the Lord's Prayer this week.

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