

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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At-Home Packet



Love Thy Neighbor by Angela Walker

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GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

Prelude: *Two Settings of “A Mighty Fortress”*

**Johann Pachelbel
Paul Manz**

October 31 is not only Halloween, it is the 503rd anniversary of when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. “A Mighty Fortress” is one of Luther’s (1483–1546) best known hymns, for which he wrote both text and tune. Pachelbel’s (1653–1706) setting begins with a fugue on the first phrase of the hymn. The complete tune is then presented in the pedal with toccata figuration given to the hands. Manz (1919–2009) takes inspiration from Pachelbel’s famous arrangement, incorporating fugal entrances, toccata figuration, and a prominent statement of the tune in the pedal.

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Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest 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

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.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Brandon Haynes, Seminarian

Hymn of the Day: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home: under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

This text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) is a paraphrase of Psalm 90. It is found in practically every English-language hymnal around the world. The tune is named “St. Anne” after the London parish where the composer, William Croft (1678-1727), served as organist.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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.

Announcements

The Offertory Solo: *Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Iona Olive, soloist

Composer Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) earned a degree in Music Theory from Wellesley College in Massachusetts before marrying Methodist minister and homiletics professor Dr. Ronald Sleeth. This song began as a 1985 commission from a church in St. Petersburg, Florida. While she was composing it, her husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer and it was sung for his funeral. "Hymn of Promise" is now found in numerous American and Canadian hymnals. Later in her career, Natalie Sleeth relocated to Dallas, where she focused on children's choral pedagogy with the Choristers Guild organization.

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The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565*

J. S. Bach

The music of J. S. Bach (1685-1750) represents the pinnacle of the Baroque era. This famous piece is one of numerous works Bach wrote to perform on the organ. Many of these pieces have come to us from manuscripts preserved and copied by his children and students. One such student made the only extant 18th-century copy of this piece. It was published in 1833, and soon found its way into the organ repertoire. Although Bach would not have intended any connection to Halloween, this crossover between the sacred and secular musical spheres is a fun way to enjoy the season.

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PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

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For those celebrating anniversaries: Kristen & Evan Kochelek, Christie & Adam Stockstill, Meghan & Brian Hack, Cecilia & Ray Smith.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ingathering Sunday, November 1st: Tacos & Tithing - Breakfast tacos are back! Immediately following each in-person service pick up a taco and drop off your pledge card. For those who attend virtual worship, you are invited to drive thru between 12-12:30 p.m. Pledge cards can also be returned via postal mail or completed pledge online here:

www.stmarksaustin.org/pledge-now.

New Sunday Schedule beginning November 1st! Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service, and remain open until all spots are reserved. RSVP links: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- **8:00 a.m.** - Parking lot Eucharist, Rite I
- **9:00 a.m.** - *Virtual* Worship Livestream (links accessible through our website)
- **9:45 a.m.** - *Virtual* Adult Forum Sunday School
- **10:00 a.m.** - Family Picnic Eucharist on the lawn.
- **11:15 a.m.** - Parking Lot Eucharist, Rite II
- **Friendly reminders:** RSVP, mask up, bring a chair, maintain 6-8 feet of physical distance.

Hands for Hope: Each year, St. Mark's partners with El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission for its annual Hands for Hope meal drive, with the goal to provide holiday meal kits to 1,750 families over three distribution days in November and December. This year the need is greater than ever - so we need more HANDS to give HOPE.

- So far, St. Mark's has contributed \$2,000 toward this program - which will feed about 80 families.
- You can help by making additional gifts through the church or directly to El Buen: elbuen.org/h4h; \$25 feeds one family. When sending checks to St. Mark's, please write El Buen in the memo area.

Rector's Book Club, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., reading *The Abundant Community*, by John McKnight and Peter Block. Read through chapter three before the next meeting.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study resumes on October 27th.**

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Michael Meigs, Rex White, Karen Milton & Michael Meigs.



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