

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AT-HOME GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

October 18, 2020

A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Before the service, decorate the home with greenery and flowers. Set up a small table with a piece of green fabric on it. If you have candles and a Bible, place these on the table.

OPENING ANTHEM

Begin with an opening hymn. We recommend "Praise the Savior."

**Praise the Savior, now and ever;
praise him, all beneath the skies;
self denying, suffering, dying,
on the cross a sacrifice.
Victory gaining, life obtaining,
now in glory he doth rise!**

**Our work faileth, Christ's availeth;
he is all our righteousness.
He, our Savior, has forever
set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit
light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered;
Christ has crushed the serpent's head.
Death no longer is the stronger;
hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison;
o'er the tomb he light has shed.**

**4 For his favor, praise forever
unto God the Father sing.
Praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit
he doth us salvation bring.**

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Officiant says

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PREPARATION

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People pray together

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your spiritual presence and communion. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Officiant says the following

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

The Officiant and People pray together

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Officiant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Genesis 41:17–24

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; ¹⁸ and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. ¹⁹ Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰ The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, ²¹ but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. ²² I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, ²³ and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them; ²⁴ and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100

Sing Psalm 100 together as a family. We recommend the version below by Amanda Larsen Wells.

Chorus

For the Lord is Good

His Mercy is Everlasting

And His Faithfulness

Endures from Age to Age

Know this, the Lord Himself is God

He Himself has Made Us

And We are His

We are His People and the Sheep of His
Pasture

Be joyful in the Lord

All You Lands

Serve the Lord with Gladness

And Come before His Presence with a
Song

Chorus

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Go into His Courts with Praise

Give Thanks to Him

And Call upon His, Call upon His Name!

Chorus

Chorus

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from Philippians 4:10—20

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

A Reading from Matthew 6:25–33

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People sit.

THE HOMILY

Take a moment to talk with your family about the Gospel Lesson. You may also access Fr. Wes' sermon online.

DO NOT WORRY

Matthew 6:19-34



Across

1. If God cares enough to _____ the birds, how much more will he provide for you?
4. Where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also.
6. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up treasures in _____.
8. Jesus said, "Do not be _____ about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on."

Down

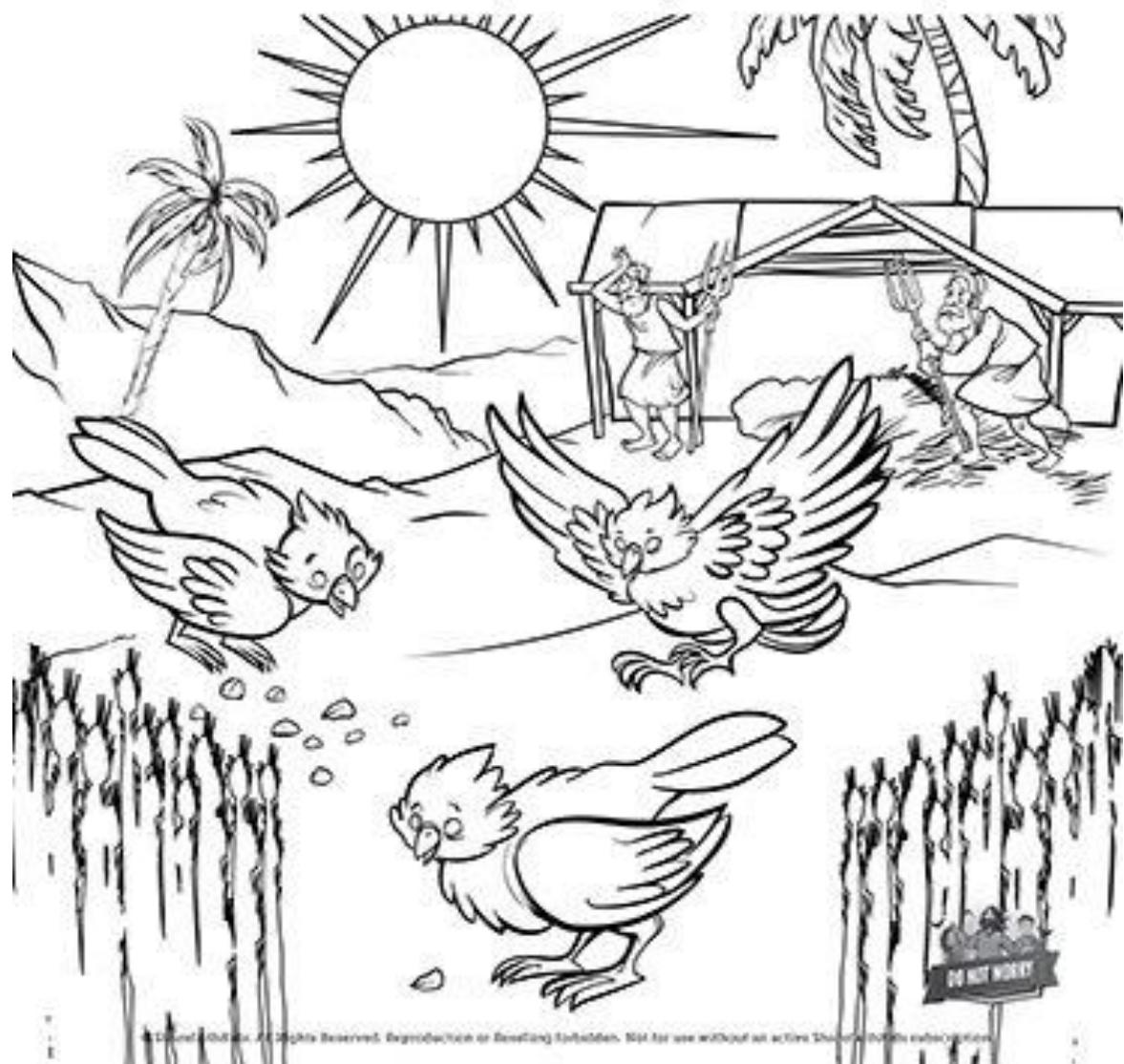
2. Do not worry about what you will _____, drink, or wear.
3. Your heavenly _____ knows what you need, and He will take good care of you.
5. But seek first the _____ of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
7. Do not store up treasures on earth, where moth and _____ destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.



DO NOT WORRY

Matthew 6:25

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?



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HYMN

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” *Getty, Getty, Papa
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**What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

Chorus

***O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.***

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?**

Chorus

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
“Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.**

Chorus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and laments.

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Clergy** — Foley, our Archbishop; Bill, our Bishop; Fr. Wes, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Chuck, our Priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Faith Anglican Church in Fairview, TX and the Rev. Justin Lokey
- **Missionaries** — Lauren Butler in Albania; Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq, Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras, Craig Stewart in South Africa, and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- **Immigration Services** — Stacy Preston and Lynn Binkley
- **Public Servants** — our president, Donald Trump; our governor, Bill Lee; our county mayor, Jimmy Harris; and our city mayor, Scott Conger

- **Parishioners** — Aaron Beasley, Rich and Carole Beitz, Debbie Colgrove, Carlin Diffie, Mary Louise Flanagan, Gail Hedgepeth, Charles Richards, Bill and Anne Ross, Walter Townsend, and Liam Williams
- **Birthdays this week** — Alice Dettman, Fr. Wes Gristy, and Phil Colgrove
- **Anniversaries this week** — Gary and Celecia Osborne.
- **Vestry member of the week** – Taylor Laird, Visitor Connections
- **Family of Parishioners** — Diane Camper, Chuck and Kristin Davis, Bill Gay, Eddie Jordan, Tom Mullady, Bob Nailling, Scott Pipkin, Armando Psungo, and Gary Vailes
- **Friends of Parishioners** — Baby Cayden, Cindy Denker, Stan Langley, Rebecca Muncie, Danny Nowell, Patti Overton, Ramona Sparks, the Taylor family
- **Military** — Taylor Bartos, Bryan Laird, and Dalton Young

A COLLECT FOR COVID-19

Almighty God, our strong tower and defense in time of trouble: We ask for your continued deliverance from the dangers associated with COVID-19, which lately have surrounded us and taken the lives of so many. In this time of fear and anxiety, we beseech you to send us your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR RACIAL HEALING

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Dear God, we are sorry for the things we have done wrong. We are sorry, too, for the good things that we should have done but did not do or say. Please help us to love you better. Help us also to love other people as we love ourselves. Please forgive us when we are not loving and when we do not obey you. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Officiant says

May God love, forgive, and strengthen us through our Lord Jesus Christ, and may He protect and keep us by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

PREPARATION FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant continues

Hear what St. Paul says: “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you may have strength...and know the love of Christ.”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Officiant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Officiant and People together pray

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Officiant and People together pray

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant says the following invitation

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Officiant and People together pray

Dear Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

**I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul,
and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,**

I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.

**I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people,
gathered around every altar of your Church,
and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.**

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Silence.

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together sing the “Anima Christ” of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, using the musical version composed by Alicia L. Greey (online).

Soul of Jesus, sanctify me
Blood of Jesus, wash me
Passion of Jesus, comfort me
Wounds of Jesus, hide me
Heart of Jesus, receive me
Spirit of Jesus, enliven me
Goodness of Jesus, pardon me
Beauty of Jesus, draw me

Chorus

*Till I behold thee, unveiled
Till I behold thee, unveiled
Till I behold thee, unveiled
In thy glory*

Humility of Jesus, humble me
Peace of Jesus, pacify me
Love of Jesus, inflame me
Kingdom of Jesus, come to me
Grace of Jesus, replenish me
Mercy of Jesus, pity me
Sanctity of Jesus, sanctify me
Purity of Jesus, purify me

Chorus

Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me
Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me
Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” G. Kitchin; M. Newbolt

Chorus

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world
adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow
where the Savior trod,
our King victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.

Chorus

Led on their way
By this triumphant sign
The hosts of God
In conquering ranks combine

Chorus

Set up thy throne
That earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow
Of its healing peace.

Chorus

For thy blest Cross,
Which doth for all atone
Creation's praises
Rise before thy throne

Chorus

All newborn servants
of the Crucified
bear on their brow
the seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us
life eternally.

Chorus

So shall our song of
triumph ever be:
praise to the Cruci-
-fied for victory.

Chorus

THE BLESSING

All stand. The children are invited forward to help lead in the blessing.

Officiant All our problems

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All our difficulties

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All the devil's works

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All our hopes

People **We set on the risen Christ.**

Officiant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**