

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 17 & 18, 2020

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Countless times during Christ's mission in human flesh for the sins of the world, the Pharisees and others tried to test, trap, and trick Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead turn those times into a setup for teaching about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who has set us up for forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising.

## PRELUDE

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Arranged by John F. Wilson

## WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (sung by the soloists)

- 1        *Immortal, invisible,  
          God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
          hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious,  
          the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
          Thy great name we praise.*
  
- 2        *Unresting, unhasting,  
          and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
          Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
          high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
          of goodness and love.*
  
- 3        *To all life Thou givest —  
          to both great and small —  
In all life Thou livest,  
          the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
          as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish —  
          but naught changes Thee.*

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4           *Great Father of glory,  
              pure Father of light,  
              Thine angels adore Thee,  
              all veiling their sight;  
              All laud we would render:  
              O help us to see  
              'Tis only the splendor  
              of light that hides Thee.*

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

Pastor:           In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:           **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:           “The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him,

People:           **on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,”** *Psalm 33:18*

Pastor:           “Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

People:           **Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my  
God.”** *Psalm 42:5-6*

Pastor:           “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

People:           **O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.”**  
*Psalm 130:1-2*

Pastor:           “*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.*

People:           **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.**  
*Psalm 130:5-6*

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, as children of God our hope is in the Lord. Yet in the weakness of our sinful flesh, we turn away from the Lord and put our hope in ourselves and in the things of this world. Let us think about the false hopes to which we sometimes cling, and confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

*(Silence for reflection and personal confession)*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**People: We confess that we have often turned away from You, and sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We have trusted in ourselves, in the things of this world which have no true value, and we have trusted other people whose sin makes them untrustworthy. All these things lead us to hopelessness and despair. Forgive our sins, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and create clean hearts within us.**

Pastor: With the Lord there is forgiveness! As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (sung by the soloists)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)*

*Give thanks, give thanks.*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

*(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)*

<sup>1</sup>"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

*(The Thessalonians' faith and example)*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*"Prayer of Consecration"*

Deborah Dresie

*Please stand*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

*(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)*

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:** **Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.*

*Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.*

*The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach, arr. by John F. Wilson

### SILENT PRAYER

*You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen*

*Please stand*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in, with, and under bread and wine with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Strengthen our faith in You, and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

People: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vv. 1, 3-5, 7)

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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7        **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
          We at His feet may fall!  
          We'll join the everlasting song  
          And crown Him Lord of all.  
          We'll join the everlasting song  
          And crown Him Lord of all.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

setting by Janet Linker

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19

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## Serving at Chapel

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Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

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John Schmidt

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Meagan Purcell, electric violin

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### Worship and Christian Education

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service broadcast on KFUD 850 AM Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Live internet streaming at [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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