WE HONOR GOD BY PUTTING THE WELFARE OF OTHERS

AHEAD OF OUR OWN DESIRES.

**We will:**

**Stay home if we feel ill**

Remove all non-essential items from our worship spaces

Wear a mask at all times

**Follow the seating plan**

Physically distance – no hugs or handshakes

Enjoy instrumental music only

Properly dispose of all items used (bulletins, communion cups, etc.)

Use hand sanitizer as appropriate

Minimize bathroom use to the extent possible

Follow the modified communion procedure

Clean and disinfect after each service

Be patient, kind, tolerant and flexible

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PROPER 24 (A)**

**Sunday 18 October 2020**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES**

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**Under our modified communion procedure, the offering plate will not be passed.**

**If you have gifts to share, please place them in the plate at the entrance to the church.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

**Presider:** O Lord, open our lips

***People: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

**Presider:** Give us the joy of your saving help

***People: and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.***

**Presider:** We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God’s holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins; that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

***People: Amen.***

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *(Please say in unison)* Canticle G, A Song of Ezekiel

***All: I will take you from among all nations; and gather you from all lands to bring you home. I will sprinkle clean water upon you; and purify you from false gods and uncleanness. A new heart I will give you and a new spirit put within you. I will take the stone heart from your chest and give you a heart of flesh. I will help you walk in my laws and cherish my commandments and do them. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.***

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

**Presider:** God of servant rule, your kingdom breaks our tangled webs where state and church collude to worship power and trade on fear: grant us the wit and will to give you what is your own, no more nor less than all the world and time; through Jesus Christ, whose kingdom comes.

***People: Amen.***

*We read each month from the various biblical translations authorized by our Church. This month we read from the Revised English Bible (1989)*

**FIRST LESSON**  Exodus 33:12-23

**Reader:** A reading from Exodus. 12Moses said to the LORD, ‘You tell me to lead up this people without letting me know whom you will send with me, even though you have said to me, “I know you by name, and, what is more, you have found favour with me.” 13If I have indeed won your favour, then teach me to know your ways, so that I can know you and continue in favour with you, for this nation is your own people.’ 14The LORD answered, ‘I shall go myself and set your mind at rest.’ 15Moses said to him, ‘Indeed if you do not go yourself, do not send us up from here; 16for how can it ever be known that I and your people have found favour with you, except by your going with us? So we shall be distinct, I and your people, from all the peoples on earth.’ 17The LORD said to Moses, ‘I shall do what you have asked, because you have found favour with me, and I know you by name.’ 18But Moses prayed, ‘Show me your glory.’ 19The LORD answered, ‘I shall make all my goodness pass before you, and I shall pronounce in your hearing the name “LORD”. I shall be gracious to whom I shall be gracious, and I shall have compassion on whom I shall have compassion.’ 20But he added, ‘My face you cannot see, for no mortal may see me and live.’ 21The LORD said, ‘Here is a place beside me. Take your stand on the rock 22and, when my glory passes by, I shall put you in a crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed

by. 23Then I shall take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face must not be seen.’ The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

*(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)*

***RESPONSE (Please say in unison) Psalm 99***

***1THE LORD has become King; let peoples tremble. He is enthroned on the cherubim; let the earth shake.***

***2The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the peoples.***

***3Let them extol your great and terrible name. Holy is he.***

***4The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have dealt justly and righteously in Jacob. 5Exalt the LORD our God and bow down at his footstool. Holy is he.***

***6Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who invoked his name; they called to the LORD, and he answered them.***

***7He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statute he gave them.***

***8O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a God who forgave them, yet you called them to account for their misdeeds.***

***9Exalt the LORD our God, and bow down towards his holy mountain; for holy is the LORD our God.***

**SECOND READING** *(Please remain seated)* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Reader**: A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians. 1 FROM Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to you and peace. 2We always thank God for you all, and mention you in our prayers. 3We continually call to mind, before our God and Father, how your faith has shown itself in action, your love in labour, and your hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in perseverance. 4My dear friends, beloved by God, we are certain that he has chosen you, 5because when we brought you the gospel we did not bring it in mere words but in the power of the Holy Spirit and with strong conviction. You know what we were like for your sake when we were with you. 6You, in turn, followed the example set by us and by the Lord; the welcome you gave the message meant grave suffering for you, yet you rejoiced in the Holy Spirit; 7and so you have become a model for all believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8From you the word of the Lord rang out; and not in Macedonia and Achaia alone, but everywhere your faith in God has become common knowledge. No words of ours are needed; 9everyone is spreading the story of our visit to you: how you turned from idols to be servants of the true and living God, 10and to wait expectantly for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus our deliverer from the retribution to come. The Word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Presider:**  Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active;

***People: it probes the thoughts and motives of our hearts. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL** Matthew 22:15-22

**Presider:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

**Presider:**  Jesus said: 15 The Pharisees went away and agreed on a plan to trap Jesus in argument. 16They sent some of their followers to him, together with members of Herod's party. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we know you are a sincere man; you teach in all sincerity the way of life that God requires, courting no man's favour, whoever he may be. 17Give us your ruling on this: are we or are we not permitted to pay taxes to the Roman emperor?’ 18Jesus was aware of their malicious intention and said, ‘You hypocrites! Why are you trying to catch me out? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.’ They handed him a silver piece. 20Jesus asked, ‘Whose head is this, and whose inscription?’ 21‘Caesar's,’ they replied. He said to them, ‘Then pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.’ 22Taken aback by this reply, they went away and left him alone. The Gospel of the Lord.

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**THE NICENE CREED** *(Please say in unison)*

*Note that what follows is the ELLC text of the Nicene Creed. It is slightly different than the Nicene Creed found in the Book of Common Prayer. More information on this difference is available at http://www.holyapostleswauconda.org/welcome-page/what-we-believe/the-nicene-creed.html*

***All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified., who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Personalized IV

**Leader:**  Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**Leader:** We pray this morning for those raised up in our Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all who minister in the name of God. Guide them, guard them, and grant that they may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.***Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

**Leader:** We pray for all those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. Give them wise, generous, and compassionate hearts, that they might support the common welfare and serve the common good. Guide the people of this land, and of all the earth, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor, nurture, and care for one another and respect the dignity of all.

*Silence***Leader:**  Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

**Leader:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly and contest its degradation and destruction.

*Silence***Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

**Leader:** We thank you for all the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially those whose names we raise up now, either silently or aloud. (*We will keep a 10-second silence.*) Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*  
**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

**Leader:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those whose names we raise up now, either silently or aloud. (*We will keep a 10-second silence.*) Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence***Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

**Leader:**  We commend to your mercy all who have died, whether gently and in peace or violently and unexpectedly, whether alone or in pursuit of justice or in service to others. We pray especially for those whose names we raise up now, either silently or aloud. (*We will keep a 10-second silence.*) We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and that they, and we, may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

*(The Presider will add this or another concluding Collect)* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***People: Amen.***

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Presider: Holy God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy the life you have given us. We know your desire is that we be in deep relationship with you, tend your creation, and serve your children, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us when we choose to forget that.**

***People: Forgive us, O God –***

***For our clenched hands that can neither give nor receive.***

***For our tightly shut eyes than can see neither beauty nor pain.***

***For our feet of clay that can neither dance in joy nor run to help.***

***Forgive us, O God –***

***When we remake you in our image.***

***When we claim our causes as your own.***

***When we box you in and explain you away, and in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.***

***Forgive us, O God –***

***For being so proud, so arrogant, so confident in our own abilities, that we forget how to be humble, how to learn, and how to seek help.***

***For being so smug, so anxious, so mean-spirited that we forget we are not always right, or in control, or well-intentioned.  
For allowing ourselves to be less than what you created us to be.***

**Presider: Forgive us, and make us whole.**

***People: Awaken us to your blinding glory. Confound us by your love. Shower us with grace so that we will be made new.***

**Presider:** Recreated in your image, grateful for all that we have and for what we do not even know, let us proclaim the Good News: Through Christ **Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

***People: Alleluia! Amen.***

**THE PEACE** *(Please greet each other in the name of the Lord.)*

**Presider:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*(The Presider gives this or another Offertory Sentence)* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

***People: Amen.***

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** COE Common Worship Prayer 2

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

***People: We lift them to the Lord.***

**Presider:**  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**Presider:**  Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

***People: Let us listen, and we will hear.***

**Presider:**  Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You gave us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You gave us sun and moon and star-lit sky, wind and water, fish and birds, insects and animals. You gave us plants and trees, mountains and plains, families and friends.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, and we join our many voices together with the hosts of heaven to sing your praise:

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**Presider:** We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. **∞**Send your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us Christ’s body and blood.

**Presider:** Why do we share this bread and wine?

***People: Let us listen, and we will hear.***

**Presider:** **↑**On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,

and shared it with his disciples, saying: ‘This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.’

**↑**After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: ‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.’

So, with this bread and this cup, we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts,

send your Holy Spirit, to change us to be ever more like Jesus our Savior.

**Presider:** How do we follow Jesus Christ?

***People: Let us listen, and we will hear.***

**Presider:**  Help us, Father, to love one another as Christ loved us, as we work for the good of your kingdom and look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints, we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. ***AMEN.***

**LORD’S PRAYER** *(Please say together.)*

***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.***

**FRACTION (THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD)**

*(The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A brief period of silence is kept.)*

**Presider:** Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup

***People: we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.***

**Presider:** **↑**The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please stand as able)*

**Presider:** Let us pray.

***People: Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Ignite in us the fire of your Spirit that when the Lord comes again we may shine as lights before him, who is alive and reigns in glory for ever. Amen.***

**BLESSING** *(Please stand as able)*

*(The Presider gives this or another Blessing)*The outrageous welcome of the Father accepts us for who we are; the incarnation of the Word touches us and holds us close; the wandering of the Spirit inspires us risk ourselves for the sake of love; and the blessing of God, Holy Immortal One, Incarnate Word, and Breath of Life, is with us now and remains with us always.

***People: Amen***

**DISMISSAL** *(Please remain standing)*

*The Presider gives a dismissal or says:*  Our worship is over, our service now begins. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**Opening Sentences:**

https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/service-word/service-word-morning-evening-prayer-night-prayer#ch6h

**Collect of the Day:** Prayers for an inclusive church, Stephen Shakespeare

**Gospel Acclamation:** https://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/receive/liturgy-of-the-word/

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/holy-communion/additional-eucharist-prayers/prayer-two>

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Book of Common Prayer, The Church in Wales

**Blessing:** Prayers for an inclusive church, Stephen Shakespeare