

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Paul's Episcopal Church**



**October 10, 2021
The Episcopal Parish of Alton, Illinois
The Rev. Cynthia A. Sever, Rector
11:00 a.m.**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Hymn #475

'St. Theodulph'
God Himself is with us
Sung by choir

arr. D. Wagner
Hymnal 1982

The Word of God

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

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

Celebrant

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**

The following hymn is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Job

23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:1-15

The Psalm is recited responsively by half-verse

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, * *enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

Our forefathers put their trust in you; * *they trusted, and you delivered them.*

They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * *and there is none to help.*
Many young bulls encircle me; * *strong bulls of Bashan surround me.*
They open wide their jaws at me, * *like a ravening and a roaring lion.*

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #655

*O Jesus, I have promised
Sung by choir*

Hymnal 1982

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Rev. Cynthia A. Sever+

The Nicene Creed

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*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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 Form IV

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The People respond with the lines in bold italics

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Please bring your peace to places around the world where there is strife and natural disaster. Give us ears to hear your voice guiding us in the right way.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Sid, Larry, Robert, Al, Sue, Sandy, Ruth, Jackie, Anne, Debra, Cheryl, Bill, Grace, Richard, Kay, Kim, Tina, Marie, Myrnelle, Mother Jane, Barb, Frank, Sarah, John, Boyd, and those named before you at this time.....

Silence - The People may add their own petitions.....

We pray also for all those stricken with COVID and those who care for them. We pray for all those affected by violence and, natural disasters. Please bless them and help them to know you hold them in your arms of love.

Give them all courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray for eternal rest and peace for all those we love but see no longer.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept to allow for individual confessions to God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo

Help us Accept Each Other, sung by Roy Anderson

J.N. Beck

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds. The People respond with the lines in bold italics.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***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.

The people stand or kneel if they are comfortable doing so.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *Said in unison*

***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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Interlude in G Major

A. Guilmant

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn #707

*Take my life and let it be
Sung by choir*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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Voluntary

Premier Rigaudon

A. Campra (1660-1744)

Serving Today

Celebrant:

The Rev. Cynthia A Sever+, Rector

Organist:

Gay Anderson, Organist-Choirmaster

Chalice/Altar Acolyte:

Diane Martin

Lector

Marti LoRusso

Intercessor

Elizabeth Foley

Serving Next Week

Celebrant

The Rev. Cynthia A Sever+, Rector

Organist:

Gay Anderson, Organist-Choirmaster

Chalice/Altar Acolyte

Diane Martin

Lector

Elizabeth Foley

Intercessor

Mimi Almonroeder

COVID Precautions: Masks must now be worn by all in attendance! Hymns will be sung only by the choir members present at each service. The lyrics may be printed so you can follow along silently. Hand sanitizer is available for your use in each pew.

Calendar & Announcements for the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday, October 10	9:00 a.m.	Mass at Trinity
	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Trinity
Monday, October 11	Office Closed	Columbus Day
Monday, October 11	7:00 p.m.	Mondays@7 in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday, October 13	7:00 p.m.	Discussion Group on ZOOM
Sunday, October 17	9:00 a.m.	Mass at Trinity
	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Trinity

Book Club Happenings

Do you like reading and eating yummy food?

The Kitchen Conservatory in Clayton is offering a culinary book club for food lovers with a cooking demonstration on November 14th. Several of the members in book club are planning on attending. If you are interested in joining us, please go to the Kitchen Conservatory's website and sign up. I am sure that this class will fill up quickly, as most of these demonstrations accommodate around 15 people. Payment is required at time of registration. Please let me know if you are going, so that we can arrange a carpool. Following is the information regarding the book and demonstration. This sounds like a fun adventure:

[Kitchen Conservatory](https://www.kitchenconservatory.com) <https://www.kitchenconservatory.com>

The Book Club book for October is *The Racketeer*, by John Grisham.

About

3.8/5 · Goodreads

90% liked this book

Description

The Racketeer is a legal thriller novel written by John Grisham that was released on October 23, 2012 by Doubleday with an initial printing of 1.5 million copies.

It was one of the best selling books of 2012 and spent several weeks atop various best seller lists.

