

St. Peter's
Episcopal Church
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021

Welcome

The Rev. Thomas Mousin

Prelude "Siciliano (Flute Sonata II)"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn #408 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (vs. 1&3)

**1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul he fills
and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.**

**3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone;
To God all praise and glory.**

All remain standing for the

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

The Gloria

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for

The Lessons

Read by Toby Goodyear

The First Lesson Job 38:1-7

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All join in praying the

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; ***
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak ***
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; ***
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers ***
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, ***
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; ***
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; ***
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, ***
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; ***
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ***
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37b Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn #470 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (vs. 1&3)

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.**

**3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord**

The Gospel Mark 10:35-45

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. Mousin

After a period of silence, all stand to join in reciting

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Philip's Wiscasset, and for all in the Evangelical Lutheran Church who share with us in common mission . for 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.

Individual prayers may be offered in silence or aloud.

The Presider offers a concluding collect.

The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pray first in silence and then in unison.

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.

The Absolution

May 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

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

Offertory Hymn #343 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" (vs. 1-4)

**1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.**

**2 We would not live by bread alone,
But by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.**

**3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.**

**4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.**

Presentation Hymn Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Preface, inviting all to join in saying

The Sanctus

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.

The Presider continues giving thanks to God on behalf of the people, and invites all to join in

The Memorial Acclamation

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues, concluding with

By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Administration of Communion

Communion will be administered in one kind. In the interest of everyone's health and safety, please observe the instructions given for receiving the consecrated bread.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #473 "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1 & 3)

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

- 1. Led on their way by this triumphal sign
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.**

Refrain

- 2. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

Refrain

The Dismissal

The Presider offers the dismissal, followed by the response:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Fanfare-Rondeau"

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Ministers Serving This Sunday

Rev. Sam Henderson, *Presider & Preacher*; Mr. Herbert Taylor, *Organist*
Mr. Toby Goodyear, *Lector*; Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

The flowers and the lighting of the sanctuary lamp are given in memory of Peter W. Lamb, Sr. by Patty Simmons and Robert Simmons and Family.

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Many musical scholars estimate that slightly more than half of Bach's output has survived to the present day. Sad as this circumstance is to contemplate, the reasons are simple: little of Bach's music was published during his lifetime since it was composed expressly for the purpose of live performance; by the time he died in 1750, tastes had changed, and Bach's style was considered representative of a bygone era; preserving works for posterity was of little concern to either composers or their heirs; and finally, the two world wars destroyed a large number of private collections where manuscripts might have been housed. One small consolation lies in the fact that Bach, like all of his contemporaries, recycled music almost continuously, and therefore some of the lost works have survived in Bach's own arrangements for other instruments. Such seems to be the case with the familiar *Siciliano* from the Second Flute Sonata which is believed to have existed in an earlier incarnation--now lost-- as an organ trio.

The text of our Sequence Hymn was penned by Frederick Faber (1814-1863). Of Huguenot ancestry and with strict training in Calvinism, Faber moved from the Anglican Church to the Roman Catholic Church in 1846. He wrote 150 hymns, corresponding to the number of psalms. He tried to emulate John and Charles Wesley, among others, and this hymn in part matches their simplicity and evangelical fervor. Originally in 13 stanzas, the hymn was called, "Come to Jesus" and began, "Souls of men, why will ye scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?"

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) was a French court musician whose dramatic and colorful works made him one of the most important composers of French Baroque music. His *Fanfare-Rondeau*, from his first Suite de Symphonies, was adopted in 1971 as the theme for the PBS television series "Masterpiece Theater".
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Announcements

Welcome! If you are new to St. Peter's and want to learn more about us, please join our mailing list to receive our email newsletter, Key Notes. You can do so by contacting our priest in charge: stpeters.tmousin@gmail.com

Offering our gifts to God is part of our worship every week. If you wish to make such an offering and support the mission of St. Peter's, you can place your offering in the offering plate at the back of the church, or mail your gift to: St. Peter's Church, 10 Alton Street Portland, ME 04103 You can also give online directly to St. Peter's through the website of the Diocese of Maine. Here is the link: <https://episcopalmaine.org>

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline on Wednesday, October 20, at 7 PM on Zoom
Harvest Home Decorating on Saturday, October 23 beginning at 9 AM
Bishop's Visitation and Harvest Home Sunday, October 24th at 9 AM

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