Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

Morning Prayer

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday October 25, 2020
11.00 AM
During this time, your continued stewardship and giving are vital in continuing our mission and ministry to share God’s love in the world! You may offer your offering virtually at: e-giving.stgeorges-maplewood.org

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Prelude: “St Francis (Channel of Peace)
Music: Sebastian Temple
Arranged by: John Barnard
Ancient & Modern, 2013

Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God only wise”
Hymnal 1982, #423

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
   Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

2. In light invisible, hid from our eyes,
   Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
   We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,

4. Thou reignest in glory, thou riest in light;
   All laud we would render: O help us to see
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Celebrant and People
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

JUBILATE
PSALM 100
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
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.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17
The Psalm is read responsively by verse.
O God, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O God; how long will you tarry? *
Be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.
CANTICLE 16
THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH, Benedictus Dominus Deus
LUKE 1:68-79
The canticle is prayed responsively, by verse.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING
THESALONIANS 2:1-8
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but
though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you
know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great
opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,
but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the
gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.
As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a
pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from
others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle
among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for
you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People  Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE N
A SONG OF GOD’S LOVE,
1 JOHN 4:7-11
The canticle is prayed responsively, by verse.
Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God’s love will be perfected in us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL  MATTHEW 22:34-46
Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

After the reading of the Gospel, the Gospeler says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON:  MARK ROY, Aspirant for Holy Orders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Recordare Mei” by Robert Führer.

Remember me, O Lord,
you who dominate all authority;
put the right words on my lips,
so that my speech may be convincing
in the presence of the King.

APOSTLES CREED

Celebrant:  Let us now affirm our faith in the historic words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Let us 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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.

CLOSING HYMN: “As We Gather At Your Table” WLP, #763

1. As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy give as you forgave; may we still behold your banquett how to make Love’s victory known, image in the world you died to save. to verse 3
DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: “Dambuster’s March”

Music: Eric Coates
Arranged by John Barnard
Lyrics: Richard Brewes, based on Psalm 46
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Jane & Bennett Ungaro, *Reader & Intercessor*
Margo Hill, *Remote Shepherd*
Margo Hill, *Announcements*
Lindsay McHugh, *Cantor*
Nina Nicholson, *Tech support*
During this pandemic, we recognize that we all need additional support, in a variety of ways, to sustain and thrive in these trying times. If you are in need, we highly encourage you to reach out for help; you are not alone on this journey.

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For NJ Mental Health support, call this hotline: 1-866-202-4357
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