

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 24**

Morning Prayer – October 18, 2020

**OPENING HYMN - “Lord, We Have Come”**

# 348 (vs. 1,2,4) Hymnal 1982

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:  
Yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,  
ours a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention  
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,  
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.
4. So, in the world where each duty assigned us  
Gives us the chance to create or destroy,  
Help us to make those decisions that bind us,  
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. - *Philippians 1:2*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Officiant 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.*

*Officiant:* 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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People:*

***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. Alleluia.***

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People:* ***Come let us adore him.***

## **VENITE - PSALM 95:1-7**

*Officiant:*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## **THE FIRST LESSON - 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

*Reader:* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:15-22**

*Gospeler:* A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Gospeler:* Here ends the reading.

### **THE SERMON**

*The Very Rev. Benson Shelton*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Officiant and People:*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He 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,***

***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***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 PRAYERS**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

**SUFFRAGES B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

**Collect of the Day**

*Officiant:*

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.**

**A Collect for the Sick**

*Officiant:*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, especially those who suffer coronavirus, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Grace**

*Officiant:*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Mission

*Officiant:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS *(Names will be read aloud)*

Birthdays this week:

Oct. 18: Jodi Place

Oct. 20: Mary DeJarnette

Oct. 20: Allie Vaught

Oct. 24: Greg Helsel

Anniversaries this week:

Oct. 20: Bryon & Barbara Cook

Needs of our own congregation and others:

Anne Morris

Audrey Bryce

Barbara Cook

Benjamin Ryan

Bill Browning

Buddy Clark

Jackie Drumheller

Jeanette Goss

Robert Dodd

Rosalie White

Russ Lloyd

Sally Jebson

Stephen Brown

Jack Kunlo

Wayne Sanders

Ray Johns

Melanie Chambers

John Bunt

Linda Stacey

Greg Helsel

Haley Clark

Peter Schwenke

Joe Leary

Martha Turner

Caitlin Turner

Edie Clark

Anthony Smith

The Gimbel Family

Faith Dickerson Giles

Harry Gillispie

Benji Brackman

Rick Rosica

Bo Cornwell

Frank Drumheller

Butch Davies

Harold Boyd

Kirsten Brannon

Doris Stover

Military:

Adam Smith (Sgt. USA)

Braeden Woodside (AWSAN USN)

Carrington Travers (PO)

David A. Hoffman (Lt. Col.)

Jessica Helsel (Capt.)

Michael Sprinkel (US Navy)

Matthew Stevens (RTC USMC)

Nate Cotter (USMC)

Rudolph Travers, Jr. (E3)

Taylor Craddock (USSF)

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.***

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**CHRIST HAS NO BODY**

*Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)*

*Deacon:*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
No hands but yours,  
No feet but yours,

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion  
is to look out to the earth,

Yours are the feet by which he is to go about doing good  
And yours are the hands by which he is to bless us now.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Now let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Jesus Shall Reign"

*# 544 (vs. 1,2,4,5) Hymnal 1982*

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

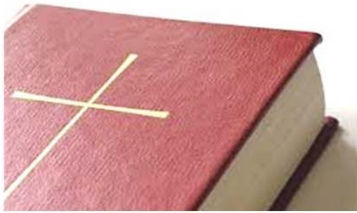
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**October 18, 2020**

**SUNDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**5 PM on the Lawn**

This service may be canceled within one hour of the start time, due to changing conditions of weather and health.

In an effort to make this in-person service a safe and comfortable experience, we ask that everyone respect and adhere to the following instructions, set forth by the Diocese of Virginia:

**Love Your Neighbor Regathering Instructions**

- Services will take place outside on the front lawn
- Everyone is required to wear a mask
- There will be no singing
- Everyone must sit at least 6' apart, families may sit together
- Bring your own chair or blanket
- Bring hand sanitizer
- There will be no socializing before or after the service
- Bulletins will be safely recycled
- All in-person services will be immediately suspended if anyone in our congregation tests positive for COVID.

*No other activities or meetings have been approved for in-person gathering on our campus.*

**THE CULPEPER  
FOOD CLOSET****Buy-A-Bird Campaign**

Each October the Food Closet runs a "Buy-a-Bird" campaign to purchase the turkeys given to local families in need at Thanksgiving. We expect to buy about 600 turkeys this year.

With an average cost of \$15.00 each, we are in need of monetary donations. Please **DO NOT** donate turkeys. We do not have storage space.

We have several convenient ways to make a donation: Drop off a check or cash Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 11:30 AM, mail a check to the address below, make an online donation on our website, or make a payment using the Billy Pay feature with your bank.

Please send checks to:

The Culpeper Food Closet  
P.O. Box 343  
Culpeper, VA 22701

Write "Thanksgiving" in the memo line

For online donations, visit [ststephensculpeper.net/Culpeper-food-closet](http://ststephensculpeper.net/Culpeper-food-closet), and select "Donate to the Food Closet Now." Click on the Donate button and follow the instructions. You do not need to have a PayPal account to donate online.

**Prayer List Update**

We are updating our weekly prayer list. There are names on the list who have been on for many years. If you know of anyone who has been healed, let us celebrate their recovery by removing their name. If you would like to add a name, contact the office:

540-825-8786 | [krosica@ststephensculpeper.net](mailto:krosica@ststephensculpeper.net).

**Wednesday Book Study with Fr. Ben - 5 PM**

Join Fr. Ben each Wednesday on Zoom as he leads a group study, focusing on the book, "The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi". The version being used is translated by W. Heywood with the preface by Madeleine L'Engle.

The book is about how St. Francis of Assisi's ecstatic embrace of a life of poverty revolutionized Christianity even as it transformed the ethics of the West. St. Francis's followers preserved his legend and those of his first disciples, combining stories of miracles with convincing portraits of men who were no less human for having been touched by God. The paperback is only 121 pages and can be found on Amazon, new or used, on Kindle, or a free version online: [www.sacred-texts.com](http://www.sacred-texts.com).