

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 25

Morning Prayer – October 25, 2020

OPENING HYMN - “The Servant Song”

148 (vs. 1-6), *Renew Hymnal*

1. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are sisters on the road,
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light to you, in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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 2:1-8

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

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: The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:34-46

Gospeler: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

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.

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.

THE COLLECTS

Collect of the Day

Officiant:

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.**

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. 26: Leah Walker

Oct. 28: Spencer Helsel

Oct. 28: Mary Louise McCann

Oct. 29: Ann DuFrane

Anniversaries this week:

Oct. 27: Susan & Bob Delgado

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:

Braeden Woodside (AWSAN USN)
Carrington Travers (PO)
David A. Hoffman (Lt. Col.)
Jessica Hesel (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 - “Jesu, Jesu”

74 (vs. 1-5), *LEVAS Hymnal*

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are near and far away. *Refrain*
3. These are the ones we should serve. These are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*
5. Kneels at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

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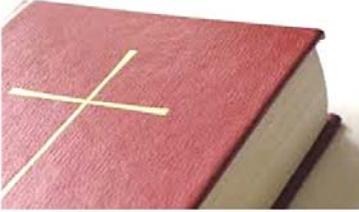
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October 25, 2020

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 Bill 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, 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.

"Second Coat Sunday" Winter Coat Drive | November

Each November, SSEC collects winter coats to give to people in our community who are in need of warmth. Last year we collected almost 200 coats! Please bring clean new or gently used winter coats (outerwear only), for men, women, and children, to the church office by Friday, Dec. 4.

You can drop off Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 1 PM. Coats will be blessed on Sunday, Dec. 6, before being delivered to Culpeper Human Services.

Since the office is closed to the public at this time, please knock on the door. You MUST wear a mask before entering the building.

Closed Holiday Dates

The church office and the Food Closet will be closed on:

Tues., Nov. 3 - Election Day (Food Closet only)
Wed., Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving
Fri., Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Watch Our Past Services

Did you know you can view our past Morning Prayer services and Fr. Ben's sermons on Vimeo? Check it out!
<https://vimeo.com/user110117380/videos>

