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Grace Episcopal Church Yorktown, Virginia

The Rev. Seldon Walker, Rector

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible God only wise*

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Salutation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise – Hymn 706 *In your mercy*

- 1 In your mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.
- 2 Lord, I did not freely choose you till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.
- 3 Now my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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.

Sung Gospel Procession – 8-fold Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (2x)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Seldon Walker

Period of Silence

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.

Prayers of the People

Thus the people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built.' (Haggai 1v2)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to provide all that we need, yet our hearts remain anxious for ourselves and our loved ones. We pray that in these difficult times we will stay faithful to you and not relegate you to the margins of our lives. We pray for those anxious about their jobs, loss of income or even their homes. Give us grace to stay centered on you, so that how we live, including the management of our finances, might declare the glory of your presence in our hearts and homes, church and nation. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

People: *that we might see your glory in our midst*

The Lord says, 'My house remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.' (1v9)

Lord, in these difficult times we pray for the ministry and mission of this church and every place of worship. Set us free from the fearfulness that turns us inward. Renew in us a sense of generosity in the use of our time, our talents and our treasure. Renew in us concern for those who are struggling in our congregation and our community. Renew in us that vision of what it means to be your church, in this place, at this time. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, and for all lay and ordained who nurture our life together. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

People: *that we might see your glory in our midst*

The Lord says, 'Give careful thought to your ways. You eat, but never have enough. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes.' (1v6)

Lord, in these difficult times, while we have much we often feel that we do not have enough and desire more, millions around the world are in want and need. Lord, while our financial situations differ, grant that we may hold fast to your teachings in all areas of our life: Our lifestyles, monetary choices, and financial goals. We pray for the poor of the world who suffer from the heaviness of the present health and economic crisis. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

People: *that we might see your glory in our midst*

The Lord says, 'See, in a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations.' (2v6)

Lord, we recognize that these difficult times have shaken homes, communities and nations. We pray for our leaders, political and social, for economists and bankers, for managers and trade union representatives. We pray for the welfare of our cities, rural communities, industrial and service sectors. We pray you will stir up the spirits of all of us – leaders and people – to take personal responsibility and to seek a sustainable and just prosperity and peace for all.

We pray for Donald the president, the congress, and the courts, and for all those who govern and maintain peace in this and every land. We pray for our healthcare workers and first responders that they may remain safe and healthy. We pray for those whose vocation is in service to our country, that they may be strengthened for your service and kept free from harm. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

People: *that we might see your glory in our midst*

The Lord says, 'Be strong, for I am with you. My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' (2v5)

Lord we pray for those for whom life now seems as nothing compared to before. We pray for those who are feeling lonely, disappointed, anxious, or fearful. We pray for those who are in prison. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially, Hazel Frady, David Landgraf, The Rev. Dana Douglas, Sandy Armstrong, Maura Marcella, Ryan Henry, Jerri Hyle, Foster Ryan, William Carleton, Travis Rountrey, those impacted by natural disaster, and all infected with the coronavirus.

We remember those who have died and those who live now with the pain of bereavement, praying especially for, Eric Utley, Kathryn Hidinger, Col. John (Ski) Joseph Przybylski. Grant, to each Lord, your promise that, 'In this place I will grant peace.' Stir up our spirits O Lord:

People: *that we might see your glory in our midst*

The Lord says, 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.' (2v9)

Lord, through these difficult times, grant us grace as individuals, as churches and as a nation to embrace a new way of living. May we recognize that the creation of wealth is more than profit; it also embraces social justice, environmental awareness, moral and spiritual values and the importance of trust and relationships in our personal and business dealings. For as our Jewish tradition has taught, all you require of us Lord is that we: Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: *that we might know your presence with us in our hearts, our homes and our nation. May we see your glory dwell among us as you do new things in our lives. Amen.*

Celebrant

Loving Father you have made us your people, richly provided us with good gifts and called us to live for you; may gratitude be in our hearts; may generosity be in our hands; may justice and righteousness and love guide our feet and may the life of your kingdom and the joy of heaven be found among us. *Amen.*

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*)

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

Celebrant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Thanksgiving Basket (*Offerings to the Thanksgiving Basket for October will go to St Francis Service Dogs*)

Comments on the Life of the Parish

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory

Offertory Music

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *A proper preface is sung or said...*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People
Sanctus (Setting: Richard Proulx)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Jesus, with all the faithful who gather in your Holy Name this day, we join in praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in this bread and this wine. We believe that, in your goodness, you unite us, wherever we are, as one body. Although we cannot physically gather at this time, we pray that you come into our hearts and join us with you and with one another in bonds of love.

In this holy moment, I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant and People

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn 608, v 1, 4 *Eternal Father, strong to save*

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Service Assistants

Old Testament and Psalm: Cathy Miller, Epistle: Jerry Twigg
Prayers of the People: David Miller

PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Eric Utley (son of Judith Utley), Kathryn Hidinger (mother of Debra Boyce), Colonel John (Ski) Pryzbylski

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Andrew Sainsbury, Parker Sandford, Jack Tartala, Donald Washburn, and William Washburn.

WE PRAY FOR OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Kyle Boyce (son of Debra and Art Boyce) and his partner Lauren Eary, Jessica Harvey (daughter in law of Jeanne and Gary Harvey), Maura McCarley (daughter of Christy and Brett) and her roommate, Genis.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

David Landgraf, The Rev. Dana Douglass, Sandy Armstrong, Maura Marcella, Ryan Henry (son of Nancy Henry), Jerri Hyle, Foster Ryan, William Carelton (friend of Gordon Rheinstrom), Travis Rountrey (friend of the O'Brien family), Gary King, Sue Cundiff, Evie Twigg, Brian Wilson

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