

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 30] (Green)

Sunday, October 25th, 2020

Readings DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12; PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8;
MATTHEW 22:34-46

Collect Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alt 1 Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children; we who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

Alt 2 Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, so that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

8 AM THE FIRST LESSON IS TAKEN FROM THE 34TH CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY BEGINNING AT THE 1ST VERSE.

10 AM A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Then 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 Bethpeor, 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 vigour 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 unequalled 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.

8 AM HERE ENDS THE FIRST LESSON

10 AM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Psalm

REFRAIN From age to age you are God.

Lord, 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. R

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. R

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. R

Return, O Lord; 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. R

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

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

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

Second Reading

8 AM THE SECOND LESSON IS TAKEN FROM THE 2ND CHAPTER OF THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS BEGINNING AT THE 1ST VERSE.

10 AM 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.

8 AM HERE ENDS THE SECOND LESSON

10 AM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

Gospel

- 8 am **THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND WITH THY SPIRIT.**
THE HOLY GOSPEL IS WRITTEN IN THE 22ND CHAPTER OF THE
GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW, BEGINNING AT THE
34TH VERSE. GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.
- 10 am **THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND ALSO WITH YOU.**
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
SAINT MATTHEW. GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

When the Pharisees heard that he 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 neighbour 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.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

8 AM PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST

10 AM PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MATTHEW 22:34-46

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord who rules over all things on earth and in heaven; responding to “Lord, in your mercy” with “... hear our prayer.”

May your Church always proclaim the Gospel entrusted to it, never to be turned aside by desire for popular approval or worldly glory. May it fulfill, in all its works, the great commandment of your love.

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

Draw the nations closer to the sharing of love that overcomes all differences. Hasten the time when whole world shall acknowledge you as Lord of all.

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

In love and gentleness may we be ministers of your grace to all those with whom we share our lives. Help us to live together as true neighbours of one another.

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who have been led astray and harmed by false teaching. For give their errors and free them from the power of evil.

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

Raise up the faithful departed into the perfect love which they began to understand in this world. Have mercy on those who did not understand, and grant them now the joy and fellowship that they could not find here.

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

We make our prayers in holy love of God and of our neighbours, and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.