

St. John the Evangelist **Episcopal Church**

October 29, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

called to be... a safe place for all people!

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PRELUDE Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #680 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

> O God, our help in ages past St. Anne

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).

The Word of God

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Robert Powell

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 280.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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 Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and 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 for 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \ast

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 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 maltreated 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.

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #450 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Coronation

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord 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 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, page 358 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin, page 360 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Peace, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #423 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise St. Denio

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

Doxology (sung) Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Sanctus

Robert Powell

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 129.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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The service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in The Book of Common Prayer

CLOSING HYMN #688 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein feste Burg

This hymn is sung to acknowledge Reformation Sunday, as celebrated by our sisters and brothers

in the Lutheran Church on the last Sunday in October.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Wilbur Held

(1914-2015)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

St. John's offers a service of prayer each Wednesday at 12:10 PM. All are welcome.

HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*)

The HUB could use your financial support. Checks marked "HUB" may be mailed to the church office, 316 N El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tues & Thurs 10:00-4:00, Wed 1:00-4:00

Coming Events

Revival, Diocese of San Joaquin, with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

Friday, November 17, 4:00 PM University of the Pacific Revival Registration - https://diosanjoaquin.org/2017-revival-registration/

Installation of The Rt. Rev David Rice as Bishop of San Joaquin, by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry Saturday, November 18, 1:00 PM

St James Cathedral, Fresno

Episcopal **E**vangelism

We seek, name & celebrate
Jesus' loving presence
In the stories of all people
- Then invite everyone to more.

".. We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20





Brother Dunstan's QOTD, (Question of the Day).

Today's Epistle from First Thessalonians was written by St. Paul. Can you find the St. Paul stained glass window in our church?