

**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**Morning Prayer, The Twentieth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**Leader: The Rev. Shelly Pollard**

**The Invitatory**

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Lord, open our lips,

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

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O come, let us worship.**

**Invitatory: Psalm 63.1-8**

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \* my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \* that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \* my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live\* and lift up my hands in your name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \* and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, \*and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*your right hand holds me fast.

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### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading            Exodus 33.12-23**

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless

you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 99**

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

## **Second Reading      1 Thessalonians 1.1-10**

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 labour 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.

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### **Gospel Reading**

### **Matthew 22.15-22**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him 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 Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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.**

**Intercessions 1**

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In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."  
For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of  
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the  
Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in  
authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our city, and our province, and our country and for every city and  
community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the  
Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us  
pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering especially those on our hearts and minds and those on our parish list, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19 in any way, shape, or form. We pray for those who work and serve in essential businesses and industries, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially those who have died of COVID-19, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are

good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everliving God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
that forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to what is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**