

**The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 23

October 13, 2024 ~ 9am and 10am Services

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 686** ..... “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant* You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

*The Officiant continues*

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Invitatory**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

## **Venite** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*All* **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant* For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

*All* **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant* The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

*All* **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant* 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!

## **Antiphon**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

*All* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

## **Psalm 90:12-17** *(Responsively by whole verse)*

*Reader* So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

*All* **Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!**

*Reader* Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*All* **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

*Reader* Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

**All**            **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

**The Old Testament** ..... **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Reader*            Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**All**            **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

*Reader*            Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

**All**            **And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

*Reader* Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

*All* **Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

*Reader* Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*All* **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 New Testament ..... Hebrews 4:12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb (*said responsively by whole verse*)**

*Officiant* Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

*All* **For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;**

*Officiant* And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

*All* **From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

*Officiant* And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

*All* **Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.**

**Sequence Hymn 380** ..... “From All That Dwell”

**The Gospel ..... Mark 10:17-31**

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*All*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

*Officiant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*                     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**..... Ginnie Glassman

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*                    **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.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Officiant and People*)

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

**Suffrages B**

*Officiant* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*All* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant* Day by day we bless you;

*All* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*All* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*All* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*All* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

**Collection** (*during the Hymn*)

**Offertory Hymn 691** ..... “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

**Collect**

*Officiant* Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* Amen.

**Collect for Guidance**

*Reader* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

**Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All* Amen.

**Intercessory Prayers**

*Officiant* I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, healing.

*Officiant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Reader* We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Bud, Sophia, Jake, Evan, Rachel, Debbie, Stephen, George, Carolyn, Tori, John, Tom, Trish, Nathan, Andrea, Angela, Liam, Ramon, Vince, and Maryanne.

*Reader* We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one, especially Anthony Casola.

*Officiant* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All* Amen.

## Announcements

Socktober! The Greater Bridgeport Ministry Network is sponsoring its annual Socktober sock collection. They will donate socks on our behalf to friends at food pantries, supper programs, shelters, and the homeless in the Greater Bridgeport community. If you'd like to give to this important ministry, please bring **new** socks to the Uppercroft by Sunday, October 27th.

Readers Needed! If you'd like to be a part of the worship service on Sundays with Rev. Kathleen and Deacon Lee, we'd love for you to be a reader. If interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: We have open dates for volunteers to bring goodies to Coffee Hour. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to take a Sunday.

Spirituality Monday! Prayer Group meeting on Monday, October 14 on Zoom from 12 to 1pm.

## The General Thanksgiving

*All*        **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.**

*Officiant*    Let us bless the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

*Officiant*    May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.



*All*            **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 688**..... “A Mighty Fortress”

**Dismissal**

*Officiant*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!

*All*                    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**