



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Liturgy of the Word of God: Rite Two  
October 25, 2020 10:00 AM**

**The Reverend Jennifer Kezirian West, Priest**

**Welcome Mother Jennifer Kezirian West**

**Prelude: Alan Cotnior (Music Director)**

**Liturgy of the Word of God: Rite Two (BCP 355)**

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

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**All:** **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.**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## First Reading

### A Reading from Deuteronomy

#### Deuteronomy 90: 1-6, 13-17

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 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 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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God**

#### Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

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, \*  
"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.

## **Second Reading**

### **A Reading from Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Thessalonians**

#### **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 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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

**H 450**

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

# **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

## **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

### **Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Sermon: Mother Jennifer Kezirian West**

#### **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 Intercession**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** (silence)

As the whole church, focus us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we create policy, define our mission, determine budgets, and vision for the future. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As stewards of creation, instruct us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we use the gifts of this planet. Keep us mindful of the needs of the generations to come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As people of the world, teach us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we judge on another, work for peace, set aside prejudice, and work for justice. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As ministers of your word, teach us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we care for those who suffer especially Jim, Vincent, Paula, Martha, Michael, Richard, Alberta, Sue, Tom, Lauren, David, Frank, Bob, Father Ed, MJ, Brad, Paul, Ron, Donald, Eleanor and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)...Give us compassionate hearts, gentle hands, and minds that craft healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As a community, guide us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we share ourselves with others. Support us in building relationships, having open minds, and being confident in the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As your children lead us to love you and our neighbors in the ways we remember those who have died, but still guide our faith. We pray for Cathy Hutchinson, who passed away on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We also pray for Genevieve Falco, in whose memory the flowers were placed on the altar today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.**

**Prayers for an Election:** Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin:** Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

.Silence may be kept.

### **Celebrant and People**

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.**

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

## **Let us say the Lord's Prayer together:**

**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,  
forever and ever. *Amen.***

## **Peace**

**Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

**People: And also with you**

## **Closing Hymn: Where cross the crowded ways of Life**

**H 609**

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of thy tears.

3 The cup of water given for thee still holds the freshness of thy grace;  
yet long these multitudes to see the true compassion of thy face.

4 O Master, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again.

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## **The Blessing**