

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Teacher, tell us, is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar or not?"

And Jesus said to them
Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

and to GOD what belongs to GOD

Among all peoples, give the LORD glory and honor.

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HOLY EUCHARIST & LIVE STREAM
9:00 a.m.

The Celebrant stands and says to the people, who remain seated:

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Celebrant will give a few announcements and overview of the service, after which the congregation will be invited into a time of silence for prayer and reflection.

At the appropriate time, the Celebrant will ring a bell and everyone will stand.

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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.**

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the Lessons.

Reader A reading from the Book of 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 labor 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Celebrant remains seated and says

Join with me as we say together Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.**

The following is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

HYMN – Just As I Am

The congregation stands for the gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
Saint Matthew.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

After the sermon, the Celebrant sits for a period of silence. At the appropriate time, the Celebrant then invites the congregation to stand.

Let us reaffirm our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed. Christians, what do we believe?

**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.**

The Prayers

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our bishop, Robert, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
especially for Donald, our president; David, our governor; Kirk, our mayor;
and for the Congress and Courts of the United States;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially
those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Youngmi Cohen and
Ruth Yoshioka.
That they may know your blessing and joy in the year to come.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

People are invited to offer their own prayers and thanksgivings.

The Celebrant then offers the closing Collect

We turn to you, O triumphant Lord, in full knowledge of your victory over
death and our great need as your mortal creatures during this time of
pandemic. Make even this hour a season of blessing for us, that we find you

mighty to save, and even in illness or death, in fear or uncertainty, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life. All this we ask in the name of the One who bore our infirmities, even Jesus Christ our Risen and Victorious Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Share with one another a sign of God's peace.

In sharing a sign of peace, it is important at this time that we refrain from hugging or shaking hands. A bow (with or without the hands clasped together) is appropriate, as is the giving of the shaka to one another.

The offering plate is brought to the altar, the Celebrant placing it on the mauka side. The Doxology is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

Ho'onani I ka Makua mau,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pu,
Ko keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene.

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.

Prior to the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant's hands are sanitized by the acolyte.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And so we join with the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new

Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And therefore, Father, through Jesus you Son, In whom we have been accepted and made your children, By your life-giving Spirit we offer our grateful praise and sing:

The Lord's prayer is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
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.*

The Celebrant breaks the bread, places it back on the plate, and says

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

The Celebrant sanitizes the hands of the acolyte. The acolyte receives communion and then moves, with the Celebrant, to their places on the makai side of the altar.

*The congregation is invited, when the Celebrant and acolyte are facing their section, to come forward—row-by-row—to receive the Holy Communion. Each person will need to sanitize their hands prior to approaching the ministers. Once each communicant has approached the ministers, they may remove their mask in order to receive. The bread will be placed in the hand (we ask that you refrain from attempting to touch the minister's hand). Wine is to be received by sipping the chalice. There is to be **no dipping the bread into the wine** and we ask that each communicant refrains from touching the base of the chalice.*

In this time of pandemic, it is important that each member of the congregation takes care to examine themselves and their readiness to receive. If anyone feels they are not comfortable with receiving the Holy Eucharist, they are asked to remain in their seats and can use the prayer for a Spiritual Communion (see below). As the Book of Common Prayer teaches: “if a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, that person [is assured] that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth” (BCP p. 457). If one is comfortable with receiving the bread alone and not the cup, they are asked to approach the Celebrant for the bread and to give a reverential pause to the cup as they pass it on their way back to their seats.

All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

The Queen’s Prayer is sung as a solo, the people invited to hum the words.

‘O kou aloha no Aia I ka lani,
A ‘o kou oia‘i‘o, He hemolele ho‘i.
No laila e ka Haku, Ma lalo kou‘eheu
Ko makou maluhia A mau loa akuno. Amene.

Your loving mercy is as high as heaven,
And your truth so perfect.
And so, O Lord protect us beneath your wings
And let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

After the congregation and the Celebrant have received, the congregation is invited to stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people with these words:

In your prayers this week, remember the poor, remember the oppressed, remember those in prison—whatever their prison walls might look like. And never fail to invite someone to know Jesus Christ as Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, who is Makua, Keiki, and ‘Uhana Hemolele, be with you and remain with you mau loa. Amene.

Celebrant – The Rev. Charles A. Browning II
Organist – Richert Au Hoy
Soloists – Cainna Browning, Isaiah Horimoto, Jackie Mok
Reader – Pablo Cortez III

Give to the LORD
you families of nations
the GLORY due his NAME!

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Prayers for Spiritual Communion

These prayers are to be used by anyone who is unable to receive Holy Communion (for reasons of caution, illness, or participating in the service via live-stream).

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering especially the parish of Saint Mary's in Honolulu, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings given to me, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting