

MORNING PRAYER

PENTECOST 21 / PROPER 25

OCTOBER 25, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***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.***

Alleluia

THE VENITE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

***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 PSALMS APPOINTED:

Psalm 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 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.
- 9 May those who seek my life to destroy it *
 go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 ***Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, ****
and let them be food for jackals.
- 11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; *
 for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 ***With his right hand and his holy arm ****
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ ***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ ***Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.***

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸ ***Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.***

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ ***In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.***

***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 LESSONS

A READING FROM 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 10: The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum* Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

***Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;***

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,***

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

***So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;***

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

***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.***

A READING FROM 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #47: ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST OF DAYS (VV.1,3,4,5)

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 22:34-46

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Lisa Frost-Phillips

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.

THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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*

COLLECT FOR PROPER 25

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray the work of our Diocese especially with: Penick Village, Thompson Child & Family Focus, and Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle and for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association and for the communities threatened by wild fires on the west coast.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Bob & Judy, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, and Bartow.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

CLOSING HYMN #609: WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

(VV.1,2,4,5)

Let us bless the Lord.

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.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

SUNDAY FORUM

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (10/25)

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign Continues: *Abiding in Faith, Acting in Hope, Anchored by Love*

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
- **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
- **Inquirer's Class** (Formation Zoom) 11:00am
- **Youth Group** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm
- **Women's "Singing" Circle** (Worship Zoom): 7:00pm

Monday (10/26):

- **Food for All (Fellowship Hall):** 5:30pm / Gordon Carlson's Team
- **Education for Ministry:** 6:30pm
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Tuesday (10/27):

- **Morning Silence (Worship Zoom);** 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Wednesday (10/28):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **Lucille Munger Burial in the Memorial Garden;** 2:00pm Registration Required
- **For Those Who Live Alone (Meeting Zoom);** 5pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir (Meeting Zoom);** 7:00pm
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Thursday (10/29):

- **Food for All (Fellowship Hall);** 5:30pm / Sharon Wheeler's Team
- **Adult Bible Study;** 7:30pm led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Friday (10/30):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **Awareness Through Movement (Meeting Zoom);** 9:30am, led by Betty Wolfe
- **In-Person Eucharist in the Memorial Garden;** 4:00pm Registration Required
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Saturday (10/31):

- **Inquirer's Class** 10:00am

Sunday (11/1) Daylight Savings Time Ends

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
- **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
- **Confirmation Class** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

Monday (11/2)

Special In-Person All Souls' Eucharist at Noon in the Memorial Garden; Registration Required

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

BECOMING CHRISTIAN: AN ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

The **Newcomers and Inquirers' program** is held right after the Sunday Forum this week. If you'd like to receive information about this, please send Robert an email:

robert@stmatthewshillsborough.org.

The Schedule:

- Sunday, October 25, 11am-12:30, Zoom
- **Saturday**, October 31, 10am-12:30, Zoom, perhaps some in-person component at church
- Sunday, November 8, 11am-12:30, Zoom

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign began this year on October 4 and concludes on November 1. Your personal pledge packets have been *mailed to you directly*. Included in your packet is your Pledge Form and detailed information about the campaign, finances, and programs here at St. Matthew's. Your responses are vital to financial planning for the many church programs, staffing needs, and outreach that enable the gifts St. Matthew's brings to us and to the community around us as we reflect on the year's theme: *Abiding in Faith, Acting with Hope, Anchored by Love*.

This year, the annual campaign reaches beyond the financial aspects of holistic stewardship. The wider mission of stewardship reflects how we care for all the gifts of our lives: our daily lives of faith, the actions that we will take which reflect our hopeful vision and the love we all feel for our parish, which anchors us to God and to each other. Therefore, we have also included information about non-financial pledges you can make to St. Matthew's in the pledge packet. We are a parish of many talents, and we offer you the opportunity to share your time and talent with us, as well as treasure.

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, OUTSIDE EUCHARIST IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 30 AT 4PM. It'll be in the Memorial Garden where we can accommodate 24 easily. To sign up, first fill out the **health screening form here**. We will then be in touch confirming that you have a reserved slot. Masks are required and physical distancing. We expect to continue this Wednesday Eucharist for as long as the weather allows.

Also, scheduled: Wednesday, November 4, at 2:00

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY ON NOVEMBER 1

On November 1st at 10:15am, all are welcome to attend our Celebration of All Saints' Day. Faith Formation for the St. Matthew's Family (all ages) is intergenerational programming on the Zoom Formation Channel following Sunday Morning Prayer. We hope that all members of our parish family--not simply those with young children--will consider joining us for worship.

PECAN SALE FOR ALAMANCE ORANGE PRISON MINISTRY; ORDER BY NOVEMBER 6

It's that time of year again, time for pecans! Although things are a little different this year, Alamance Orange Prison Ministry is still doing their annual pecan fundraiser. Remember all funds raised go towards supporting a full time chaplain as well as programming at Orange Correctional Center right here in Hillsborough. All orders will be taken online this year since we won't be seeing each other in person, and orders are due by Friday, November 6th. You have two options for how to order. You can order and pick up directly from AOPM on their website here - <https://aoprisonministry.org/support-aopm/pecans/>. Or you can order and pick up from me by filling out this google form - <https://forms.gle/UrzyDvDcmyCtEBkF8>. Either way, your support is very much appreciated. If you have any questions you can reach me at robb.smylie@gmail.com. --Robb Smylie

THERE IS A PARISH WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 9AM

All are invited to help tidy up the grounds.

VISIO DIVINA

This Advent, join me for Visio Divina! We'll meet once a week to share artwork and images related to the week's lectionary texts, and we'll reflect together on the Scripture and what the art shows us about it. If you're interested, email Amy Peterson (coamyp@gmail.com) for more details.

Tuesdays at 7pm

November 24 - reflecting on Advent 1

December 1 - reflecting on Advent 2
 December 8 - reflecting on Advent 3
 December 15 - reflecting on Advent 4
 December 22 - reflecting on Christmas

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS

These booklets (\$1), issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs through February. They are on the table of the Ruffin House foyer if you want to stop by some morning or you can let the church office know and one can be mailed to you.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION: BEEF STEW UPDATE

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. If each of us brings a can or two, we'll meet the monthly goal of 175 cans. Thanks to you we've already met our October goal! We hope that you will also consider contributing to OCIM's Holiday meals. Bring your donated cans by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors.

Holiday Donations

The pantry will begin accepting items on October 1st.
 Donations can be brought to OCIM's pantry Monday-Friday,
 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- * Stuffing * Pie Crust Mix
- * Mashed Potato Flakes * Canned Fruit Pie Filling
- * Gravy (packets, jars, or cans) * Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling
- * Cranberry Sauce * Evaporated Milk (5oz cans) * Canned Vegetables
- * Aluminum Turkey Pans
- * Flour * Clean Paper Grocery Bags
- * Sugar * Clean Reusable Grocery Bags
- * Cooking Oil

For financial donations, visit www.ocimnc.org for PayPal OR
 mail to 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Bob & Judy Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, and Bartow Culp.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs,

Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, Allie, and John & Rachel Hougom.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle.