

## OCTOBER 18, 2020: LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PRELUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565  
 "These are the holy Ten Commandments," BWV 678  
 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*For more information about this morning's Prelude, please see page 12.*

*Please stand.*

### PROCESSION

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*All together:*

**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.**

### THE TRISAGION

*Celebrant*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

*People*

**Have mercy upon us.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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.

*People*            **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## FIRST READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor 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 favor 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 favor 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*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 99

*Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from the First Letter 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 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*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:15-22

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

*Please sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand.*

### **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 THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* We ask God to hear us, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

*Leader* For God's church, for the Anglican Communion, for the Diocese of Albany, for the parish of St. Andrew's, and for our sister parish, Christ the King Church and School in LeHoye, Haiti, and for our joint mission project and Daughters of the King chapter with St. Paul's, Albany. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For this nation during this election season, the city of Albany, and all cities and communities facing increased gun violence and racism. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For blessing and protection for those caring for the ill and those working for social justice and equal opportunities for all. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For those who are poor, sick, unemployed, and in need. We especially remember...  
**Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Yeva, Frieda, Pren, Steve, Andrea, John H., Chris, Steve M., Bob, Don, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lilly, Marlana, Ro, Peter, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Sadie, the Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T., Lisa, Geoff, Jose, Henry, Rick, Deb, Fred T., Sarah, Tom, Steven, Suzanne, Pat O., Doug, Garth, Jennet, Gage, the Nash Family, Mary Lou, Betsy, Art,**  
and those we now name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all here present and those worshipping remotely. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For courage and wisdom to be good stewards of your creation and to combat the causes of climate change and for those suffering from fires, storms, and other natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the thanksgivings and blessings that we name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all who have died, and for the victims of violence and COVID-19. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for power and spirit among the people of God. Together, we say,

*All* **God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand or kneel.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Then, 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.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their places,  
 acknowledging their presence without touch.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERING

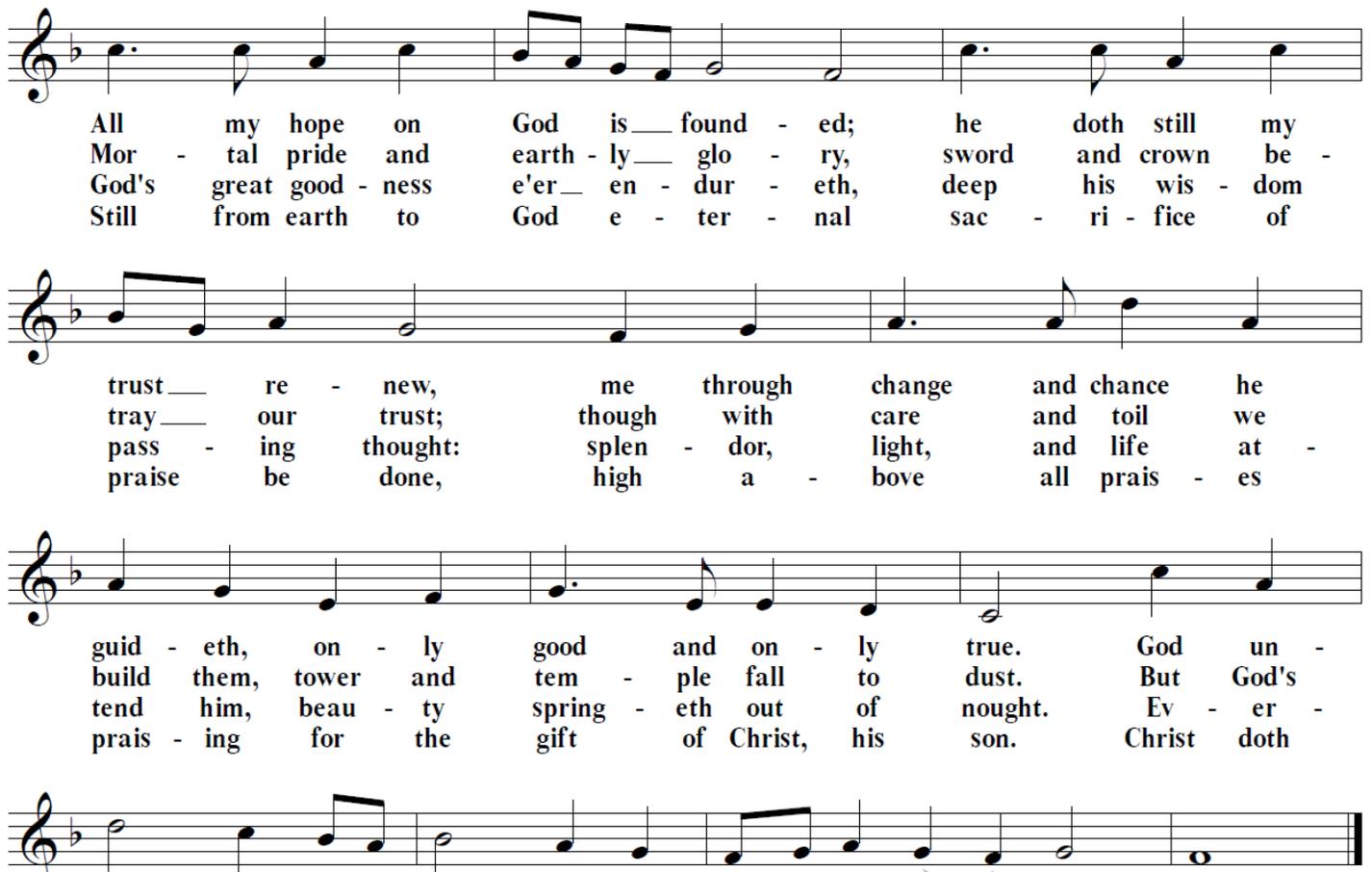
*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Note on congregational singing:** In this season of heightened caution, St. Andrew's is not including congregational singing in our services. We recognize this is a loss to all of us that we take on to embody the love of Christ for our neighbors and ourselves. We encourage you to meditate fervently on the words of the hymn, and we invite you to quietly hum the music to yourself.

Please sit.

## HYMN

*All my hope on God is founded*



All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 God's great good - ness e'er - en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust — re - new, me through change and chance he  
 tray — our trust; though with care and toil we  
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -  
 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be — his own.  
 power, hour by — hour, is my tem - ple and — my tower.  
 more from his — store new - born worlds rise and — a - dore.  
 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall — not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650–1680).

Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Soloist*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*The people stand or kneel. 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant lays a hand above it; and at the words concerning the cup, places a hand above the cup.*

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 Andrew and 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant receives the Sacrament in the form of bread, and then immediately delivers it to the people. The people will be directed toward the altar by the ushers, traveling up the center aisle while continuing to wear masks, disinfecting their hands, then receiving the bread in their open hands, while standing. Masks may be temporarily removed to ingest the host, but kindly wait until passing the Celebrant before doing so. Return to your seats via the side aisles.*

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

*People*           **Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Please stand.*

## **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*          **Amen.**

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### *Notes on today's Prelude from Brian Glikes:*

Every year around this time, our culture demonstrates a heightened awareness of the organ, reducing the "King of Instruments" to the soundtrack of ghosts. Surely, Johann Sebastian Bach did not consider that his Toccata and Fugue in D minor would take on a life of its own every October. But it seems like now is a good time to play the piece in full, during this season in which we frequently hear its first few measures looped over and over again.

Bach most likely composed the Toccata and Fugue in D minor around the age of 20. And let's not be confused by his powdered wig or sacred music; he was a cantankerous fellow — one who, around this same time period, got in a street brawl with a musician after calling him a "nanny-goat bassoonist." Fighting words, indeed. Clearly, composing was a more productive way for him to work through feelings of youthful aggression.

The second piece this morning, written over thirty years later, reflects a mellower composer. In this arrangement of Martin Luther's hymn "These are the holy Ten Commandments," Bach takes things a step further. The word "canon" has a few definitions: it can refer to the law or to a musical procedure in which one melody is accompanied by the same melody, played a beat or two later. In this piece, Bach uses a musical canon of Luther's hymn tune (played by the reed pipes) to depict God's canon, the Ten Commandments. Once again, Bach pushes things to the limit — except instead of driving a poor bassoonist to his breaking point, he shows how the King of Instruments can portray God's Word.