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Sunday Worship

October 26, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

↑Gathering Song: Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom's tarries long: Lord bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet trod; and quickened by the spirit's power, rise up ye saints of God!

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

All: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Priest: 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.**

↑Song of Praise: There Is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace, salvation comes.

(Chorus:) Hear heaven's voices sing; Their thund'rous anthem rings through em'rald courts and sapphire skies. Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne; We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him. *(Chorus – 2 Times)*

↑All: 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.

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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: The Father's Song

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all. The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

(Chorus:) Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony. You are singing over me, the Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The King of love has sent for me and now you're singing over me, the Father's song.

↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(22:34-46)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation and grant us the needful gifts of your grace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Yardworks, that this business would grow, and many people would see increase value in their homes; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of St. James', Warrenton; St. Mary's, Colonial Beach; St. Patrick's, Falls Church; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velea-Rivera, vicar, that each would have the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue the mission of God; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency shelters, women's shelters, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That leaders whose calling is to bring the gospel to whole families with young children may be added to our fellowship; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. Amen.

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: To Him Who Sits On The Throne

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, to Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb. Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever; Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever.

(Repeat 2 times.)

↑ **Doxology:** 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. Amen.

↑Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: 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,

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

Priest: And we offer this 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.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: 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.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

(Repeat)

↑Post-Communion Prayer (All): Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Hear our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

(Chorus:) From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (3 times) *(Chorus)*

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Valerie and Kyle
Christian Families in the Middle East
Craig and John MacNaughton

Martha Dickinson
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn
Nina and Sophie

Amy Williams
Nola
John Maher, Sr.

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
26-Oct	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Nov	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
9-Nov	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
16-Nov	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
23-Nov	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
30-Nov	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Dec	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday, October 30	Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours	St. Francis	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 2	All Saints' Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 5	Midweek Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 9	Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 12	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Midweek Services continue at 6:00 p.m. with a discussion series led by Carol Maher: More with Jesus in Matthew

November 5 Matthew 14:25-32

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
3rd Quarter	\$19,716.50	\$21,206.99	(\$1,490.49)
October	\$5,298.00	\$3,563.13	\$1,734.87
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$5,298.00</u>	<u>\$3,563.13</u>	<u>\$1,734.87</u>
2014 Year-To-Date	\$68,790.50	\$68,282.01	\$508.49
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$33,425.22	\$508.49

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