

The Parish of Saint Peter

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer

God's justice is persistent and faithful: the parable of the widow and the unjust judge



Sunday, October 19, 2025 10:30 in the morning



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Kindly enter the worship space quietly and reverently, so that all those seeking stillness may find it. We invite you, too, into a time and space of holy stillness. The following prayers are provided to assist you in your preparation for worship.

A Prayer for Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and that in quietness and in confidence we shall find our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Spirit of Grace and Supplication

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SPIRITUAL

"It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord"

LEVAS II, 177





THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel.

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 LAY ABSOLUTION

♣ 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**.

Please stand.

THE PRECES

▲ Lord, open our lips.

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.

VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7

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.

For the Lord is a great God, \ast

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.

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

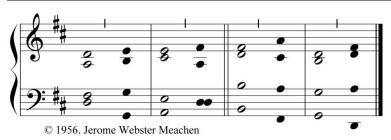
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Please be seated for the Psalter. Congregation sings together.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 119:97-104



Oh, how I love your I law! | all the day long it is in my I mind. I

Your commandment has made me wiser than my I enemies, | and it is always with I me. ||

I have more understanding than all my I teachers, | for your decrees are my I study. ■

I am wiser than the I elders, | because I observe your com I mandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil | way, | that I may keep your | word. |

I do not shrink from your I judgments, | because you yourself have I taught me. ||

How sweet are your words to my I taste! | they are sweeter than honey to my I mouth. ||

Through your commandments I gain under I standing; | therefore I hate every lying I way. ||

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

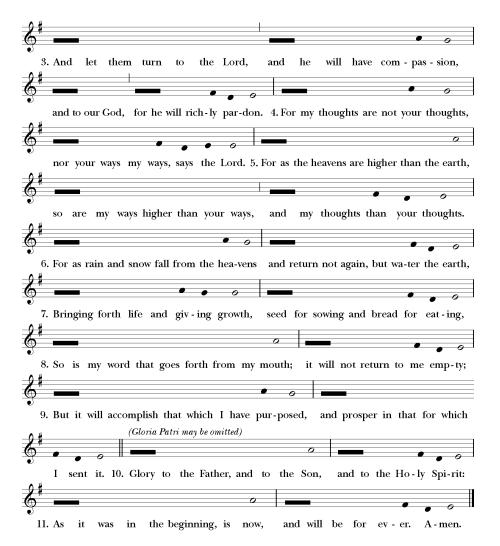
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Canticle.

1. Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near. 2. Let the wicked for - sake their ways and the e - vil ones their thoughts:



Please be seated for the Lesson.

THE SECOND READING

<u>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</u>

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

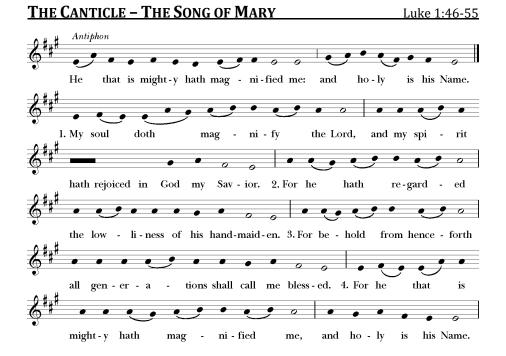
As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so

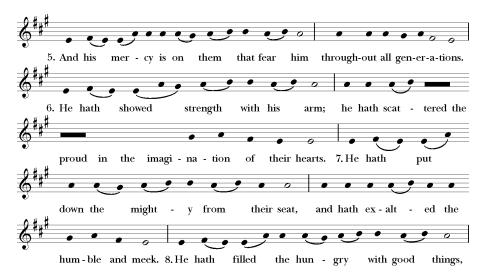
that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

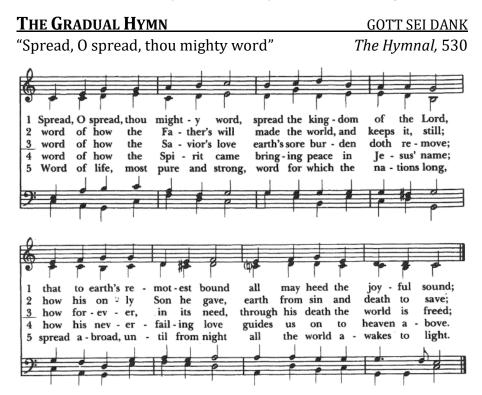
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Canticle.





Please be seated for the Gradual Hymn and Third Reading.



THE THIRD READING

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

THE SERMON

Sister Charis, S.H.N.

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

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. (please bow or genuflect)

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 LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Please kneel for the Lord's Prayer and for following prayers.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

THE SEASON OF INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Please kneel for the Prayers.

God of Justice, hear us and respond as we lift our prayers to you saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silence

Be with your church and guide us so that our prayers may be the seeds of ministry

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Inspire our nation and its leaders, help us to rise above our divisions and work together for the common good.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be with those facing perils from natural disasters and climate change, show us how to respond effectively, and lead us to be advocates for the preservation of your creation.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be present to us in our parish, strengthen us, renew us, and embolden us, that we might eagerly share your good news in our daily lives. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following: Those serving in California—at Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Moffett Federal Airfield, Travis Airforce Base, Twentynine Palms, Naval Base San Diego, Edwards Air Force Base, and the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Bayfield; Good Shepherd, Sun Prairie; and St. Luke's, Milwaukee

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heal the sick, mend the injured, renew the worn down, and lift up the oppressed. We especially ask for your healing presence for Bishop Whitmore, Sister Charis, Anne-Marie, Gail, Winona, Dennis, Father James, Suzy, Punkey, and Olivina. Are there others? (*Please observe a moment of silence*.)

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Welcome the dying into the comfort of your embrace, comfort those who grieve, and allow us entry into the realms of your glory when our journey through this life ends.

Silence

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

God of Love who has never turned your back on us, be our loving and gracious God, hear and answer our prayers that we have asked through the merits of our Lord, Christ Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit holds all creation in Your hands. **Amen.**

Please stand for the Office Hymn.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies. we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Iesus Christ: for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

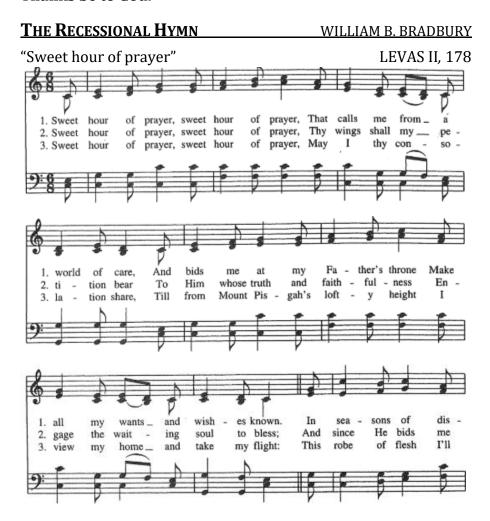
THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**.

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





THE GRACE

▼ 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**.

THE POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and coffee.

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