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# Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

Cape Elizabeth, Maine



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

October 18, 2020

9:30 a.m.

A gathering for Prayer, the Word and  
Sacred Music

# The Prelude

# Psalm 23

Johann Pachelbel (1603-1756)

## The Welcome

### Opening Hymn

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## Opening Acclamation

*Officiant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Officiant*

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 Hymn of Praise

## O God Beyond All Praising

*Led by the Chancel Choir*

The musical score is written on six staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes on each staff.

I O God be-yond all prais-ing we wor - ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
for we can on - ly won - der at eve - ry gift you send,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

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 Word of God

### First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

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.**

## The Gradual: Psalm 99

- 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.



## The Epistle

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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.**

# Hymn at the Sequence

# O For a Closer Walk With God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O For a Closer Walk With God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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## The Holy Gospel

*Reader*            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. *Matthew 22:15-22*

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown  
Bishop of Maine

*A period of reflection is observed.*



## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Thomas, our Bishop; and for all other ministers, lay and ordained;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those we name now silently or aloud.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Most loving God, you have called us to care for the sick, the oppressed, the outcast, and the lonely. We ask that you open our hearts to all who are suffering in this pandemic. We pray for those who have lost their struggle, for those who are so ill, and for those who love and care for them. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

During this time of painful racial upheaval and divisiveness may we courageously confront the injustice and inequality that have so long plagued our country. We pray that these tumultuous days will serve to ring in a new and enduring age of compassion and inclusiveness for each and every human being here at home and around the world. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Our gratitude runs deep;

**And we praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please unmute yourself at this time.*

*Officiant*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

*Officiant and People*

**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 Peace

*Officiant*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Stewardship Affirmation by Sara Lennon

### Announcements

The St. Alban's website, where you can sign up for Eucharist:

<https://www.stalbansmaine.org/>

The St. Alban's NEW YouTube Channel: (please subscribe)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQ3lufskxcBPIM65mVjdwQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQ3lufskxcBPIM65mVjdwQ?view_as=subscriber)

To sign up for our weekly eNews: <https://www.stalbansmaine.org/connect/join-mailing-list/>

## Hymn at the Closing

## Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throno to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  
Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

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## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

*Please unmute yourself at this time.*

*Officiant*  
*People*

Let us bless the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**



## The Postlude

*Wenn wir in hochsten Noten sein*  
Johann Pachelbel

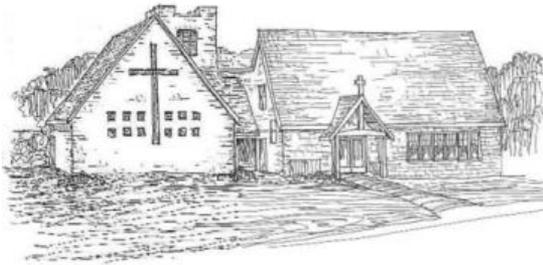
## Serving this Morning

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Music Director, Organist  
Lectors

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The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown  
Joel Pierce  
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Second Reading, Barbara Hall  
Psalmist, Jody Shellene and Tim  
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