

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

18 October 2020 Evening Prayer

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## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Psalm: 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,

**his marvellous works among all the peoples.**

<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

**but the Lord made the heavens.**

<sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty are before him;

**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in holy splendour;

**tremble before him, all the earth.**

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!

**The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.**

**He will judge the peoples with equity.'**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord; for he is coming,

**for he is coming to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness,

**and the peoples with his truth.**

## 1st Reading: Exodus 34: 1-8

The LORD said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The LORD.' <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' <sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

## 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 10-20

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

<sup>15</sup> You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.