

Online Bulletin  
**October 18, 2020**  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.  
**All: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**  
One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.  
**All: Tremble before God, all the earth.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore, we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

Response

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**We Listen For God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Is It Lawful?*

Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*Charge and Benediction

Hymn

*Song of Hope*

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