

Gospel reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

People: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him 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.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you O Christ.**

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Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Weekly Sheet**

Sunday 18 October 2020

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to our service

***10.30am Eucharist at St. Luke's, Palhagueira
and online at***

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About St. Vincent's

St. Vincent's consists of three congregations which serve the whole of the Algarve from Luz in the west to Pereiras in the centre to Palhagueira in the east. We are welcoming and affirming church. You don't have to be a member of the Church of England to worship with us – all are welcome!

About our Liturgy

The church has had many times in its history to respond, theologically, practically, and pastorally, to pandemics, from the Black Plague in the XIV century to the Yellow Fever outbreak in Memphis in 1878 to the Flu epidemic of 1918. The church has offered saints who have given their lives to help the poor, universities to study disease and train doctors, and prayer – lots and lots of prayer!

Our Liturgy for Extraordinary Time is just a part of our effort to maintain a safe and responsive worship community. We expect our liturgy to evolve and develop as the COVID pandemic continues. If you have thoughts, questions, or suggestions, we want to hear from you! Do share ideas with Fr. Reid or your wardens.

**Today's service commences on the sheet headed:
"A Liturgy for Extraordinary Time"**

Today's Collect

Faithful Lord,
 whose steadfast love never ceases
 and whose mercies never come to an end:
 grant us the grace to trust you
 and to receive the gifts of your love,
 new every morning,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
 I will go before you
 and level the mountains,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
 I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
 I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96

- ¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvellous works among all the peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
 he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
 but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Honour and majesty are before him;
 strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the LORD glory
 and strength.

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- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD
 the glory due his name;
 bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
 tremble before him, all the earth.
¹⁰Say among the nations, 'The LORD is king!
 The world is firmly established;
 it shall never be moved.
 He will judge the peoples with equity.'
¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹²let the field exult, and everything in it.
 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³before 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.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading: 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
 labour 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 people 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 where 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: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

All: **Thanks be to God**

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