

**THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON**



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 22, 2020  
Morning Prayer, Rite II**

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**Hymn #290**

*Come, ye thankful people, come*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*All stand*

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Opening Sentence: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

**Confession of Sin**

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*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

***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 Officiant alone stands and says*

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.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth will declare your praise.*

*Officiant and People*

*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. Alleluia.*

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come, let us adore him.

**Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7*

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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, \*

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!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
*his mercy endures for ever.*

Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
*"His mercy endures for ever."*

Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  
*"His mercy endures for ever."*

Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, \*  
*"His mercy endures for ever."*

I called to the LORD in my distress; \*  
*the LORD answered by setting me free.*

The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  
*what can anyone do to me?*

The LORD is at my side to help me; \*  
*I will triumph over those who hate me.*

It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
*than to put any trust in flesh.*

It is better to rely on the LORD \*  
*than to put any trust in rulers.*

All the ungodly encompass me; \*  
*in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.*

They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  
*in the name of the LORD I will repel them.*

They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
*in the name of the LORD I will repel them.*

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
*but the LORD came to my help.*

The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
*and he has become my salvation.*

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
*in the tents of the righteous:*

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
*the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"*

I shall not die, but live, \*  
*and declare the works of the LORD.*

The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
*but he did not hand me over to death.*

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
*I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.*

"This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
*he who is righteous may enter."*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
*and have become my salvation.*

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
*has become the chief cornerstone.*

This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
*and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
*we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
*LORD, send us now success.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
*we bless you from the house of the LORD.*

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
*form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.*

"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
*you are my God, and I will exalt you."*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
*his mercy endures for ever.*

## The Lessons

Officiant      Please sit for the scripture readings

### **A reading from the Book of Zechariah**

9:9-16

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword.

Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

On that day the Lord their God will save them, for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

### **A reading from the First Book of Peter**

3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to

God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

**People**           *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant        Please join me in reciting Canticle 10, responsively by half verse.

**10 The Second Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

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Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*

*call upon him when he draws near.*

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*

*and the evil ones their thoughts;*

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*

*and to our God, for he will richly pardon.*

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*

*nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*

*so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*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.*

**Hymn #291**

*We plow the fields, and scatter*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew**

21:1-13

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted

on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’

Reader            The Word of the Lord  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Timothy McNutt

**The Apostles’ Creed**

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*Officiant*    Let us stand and say together the Apostles’ Creed:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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*People* *And also with you.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

### Intercessions

*Silence*

Officiant We say the General Thanksgiving together

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*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 Jesus 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.*

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

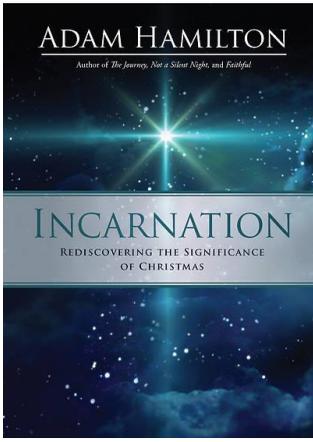
Officiant Let us bless the Lord!

**People** *Thanks be to God!*

**Hymn #397**

*Now thank we all our God*

*The Hymnal 1982*



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