



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

### PRELUDE

*"Glory to God"*

TFF 24

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15 – 22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### REFLECTION



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

TFF 189

**Heal Me, O Lord**

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and

I shall be saved; saved.

For thou art my praise, save me and I shall be saved. *D.C.*

**THANKSGIVING**

*In everything  
Give  
Thanks.  
1 Thessalonians  
5:18*

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

**SHARING of the PEACE**

**OFFERING**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

ELW 324

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING**

*God blesses  
us and sends  
us in mission  
to the world.*

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Lift Every Voice"*

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## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
The Everetts	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Worship Leader
Taylor Bruce	Prayers of the People
Donna Schwantes	The Lord's Prayer
Mark Kieswetter	Postlude

#### In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Neighbourhood Table @ Home is happening on Thursdays from 5 - 7 pm.

#### Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).