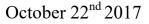
Proper 24



LECTIONARY

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."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People: Thanks be to God

 PSALM 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among 	 the nations * and his wonders among all peoples. 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods. 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens. 6 Oh, the majesty and mag-1
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nificence of his presence! * moved; he will judge the Oh, the power and the splenpeoples with equity." dor of his sanctuary! 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you let the sea thunder and all families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor that is in it; * and power. let the field be joyful and all 8 Ascribe to the Lord the that is therein. honor due his Name: * 12 Then shall all the trees of bring offerings and come inthe wood shout for joy to his courts. before the Lord when he 9 Worship the Lord in the comes, * beauty of holiness; * when he comes to judge the let the whole earth tremble earth. before him. 13 He will judge the world 10 Tell it out among the nawith righteousness * tions: "The Lord is King! * and the peoples with his he has made the world so truth. firm that it cannot be

SECOND READING

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 labor 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 persons 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 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn: "O God of Every Nation"

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Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-22

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.

Officiant: *The Gospel of the Lord.* People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**



Prayers of the People Form I BCP pg 383

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer: Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially for Temotu, Melanesia;

In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer:

We pray for all in the Episcopal Campus Ministry at U of A, Tucson;

Prayers For the Parish

Teach us good lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to work and not seek for rest; to labor and not ask to any reward. Except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Transitioning New Life at St. Stephen's Holy God, make us Holy. Revealing God, make us see. Send-ing God, make us move. Loving God, make us Love. **AMEN**