

# RESOURCE SHEET

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm: Psalm 99  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-33

*The readings may be followed by some discussion or silent meditation*

*[A homily reflection by Fr Gary Bouma can be found here,](#)  
[and an audio recording here](#)*

*This hymn may be said or sung for reflection*

## HYMN

*[Link for a recording to accompany the hymn](#)*

1  
I know that my Redeemer  
lives crowned upon the throne;  
Lord over earth and heaven  
he saves, and he alone;  
he conquered death by dying  
upon the accursed tree,  
and from his death sprang glorious  
eternal life for me.

2  
I think upon my Saviour,  
I trust his power to keep,  
his mighty arm enfolds me  
awaking and in sleep.  
Christ is my rock, my courage;  
Christ is my soul's true life;  
and Christ (my still heart knows it)  
will bear me through the strife.

3  
In Jesus' name I'm living;  
in Jesus' name I'll die;  
I'll fear not though life's vigour  
from death's cold shadow fly.  
O grave, where is your triumph?  
O death, where is your sting?  
Come when you will, and welcome!  
secure in Christ I sing.

H. Pjetursson (1614-74) *tr.* C. V. Pilcher (1879-1961) NEH 202

*Suggested music for reflection*

'Versa est in Luctum' by Alonso Lobo

*The following prayers are said, appropriate to the day*

O God, grant that your Church throughout the world:  
may persevere with steadfast faith

Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills:  
**to worship you in spirit and in truth**

God of grace and peace, we rejoice that you have chosen us, and empowered us by your Spirit. Lead us, that we may lead others, guide us, that we may be the people you would have us to be. Direct us, that we may do what you would have us do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May we show your love and your salvation in our lives, that the church may ever order its priorities, that it may grow in holiness and in outreach. Drive forward the mission of your church and release all those who are trapped by materialism.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to set a good example by the way we live. Let our homes be places of grace and goodness, of hospitality and holiness. Prompt and encourage us in good relationships and honest dealings, redeem those homes where loved ones are betrayed and relationships are breaking down. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give hope to all who are depressed or despairing, bring health and wellbeing to all who are sick in mind or body or spirit. Bring into your light those who have lost their way and are in darkness. Strengthen and relieve those with chronic illness or pain. We name before you in prayer particularly those from our own community: Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Phil, Cameron, Anne, Gail, Jean, Bill, Greg, Roger, Warwick and Andrew.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We entrust to your power our friends and loved ones in this world, and those who have departed from our sight. May we all, at the last, share in the joy and peace of your Kingdom. We commend to you those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: John Edward (Joe) Joseph, Jennifer Joy Crocker, Lloyd George Harrison, Jean Watson Garing, Edwin Alexander Garing, Percy Walter Bisdee, Herbert McDonell Shaw, Noel Thomas Edward Myers, Marie Frances Chilvers, Albert James Bisdee, Lily May Galbraith, Colin Redmond McCall, John Edward Bromby, Donald Wesley Rigg, Lindsay Momber Howell, Elizabeth Montgomery.

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear, until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ. **Amen**