

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

18 October 2020

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the God of creation!
My heart is longing
to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make;
dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev’ry nation.
2. Praise the Almighty, o’er all life
so wondrously reigning.
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen?
All that is needful has been
sent by God’s gracious ordaining.
4. Praise the Almighty! In wonder
my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen
sound from God’s people again,
gladly forever adoring!

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Come with Joy”



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Beloved God, maker of the universe, rule as Lord in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created to honor you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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WORD

ANTHEM

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell” Louis Bourgeois, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia has a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

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GOSPEL VERSE

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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THE 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.

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CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Aaron Couch

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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| 1. We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 3. The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christ-like thing. |
| 2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blestest us,
to thee our first-fruits give. | 4. And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate’er we do for thine, O Lord,
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Gathered together as God’s people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

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HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY REFLECTION

SETTING THE TABLE

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am
rich,” be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, our hope and our salvation...
...All honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: We are all God's beloved children, and the risen Christ welcomes us to share this holy meal.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

A brief time of quiet reflection...

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God,

People: that at your table you satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of Word, bread and wine, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ✠ guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN **“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”** **ELW 545** (*red book*)

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav’ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: **Thanks be to God!**