

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

20 September 2020

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

1. Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant
that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom’s task embrace;
redress sin’s cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand
of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod
and quickened by
the Spirit’s power,
rise up, O saints of God!

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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: **Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us order our lives by your wisdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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WORD

ANTHEM

“We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good”

Psalm 136

TUNE: German Chorale, 1861

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Joan Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place
where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place
where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the 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.

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 of All Hopefulness”

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at
the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God!