



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 5, 2025
10:00 am - with Music

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Prelude

Prelude in a Classic Style

Gordon Young

Acclamation

Celebrant

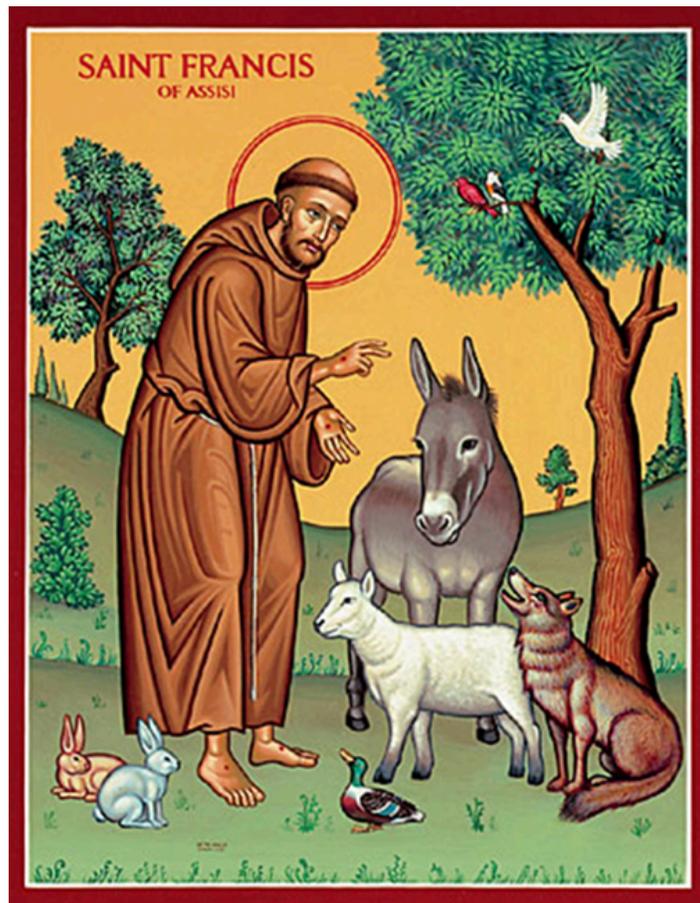
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

God Made the Animals
The Angel and St. Cecilia Choirs
Roger Cichy and Ben Lovejoy, percussion

Roger Cichy

A reading from Second Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

The Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Form IV from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; remembering especially Ron & Christine Barber, Roz Waterman, Tom Gunther, P.J. Deschenes, Dennis Fontaine, Colin Beauvais, Harry Waterman, Paula Dunne, Makenna, Ed L, John Wunner, Barbara Bayon, Steve, Rochelle Waterman, Bill Warburton, Jackie Hudson, Neal McNamara, Paula E., Samantha E., Susie H., Katherine McMillan & Marshall Hoyler & family, Frank & Tristan, Joe & Ellen, Nadine Schweizer, Cathy, James Steffy, Gale Steffy, Sue, Andrew & Steve Mazur, Jim Smith, Mary Fornal, John T, Glenis Downey, Doris Hennedy, Margaret Thomson, Jan Prifty, Kelie Hill, Bev O'Brien, Joanne, Paul & SallyAnne, Doreen Putnam, Judy Robidous, Henry Gorko, John Young, and Ann Cerullo. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially David Rodriguez, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives: especially for Mark Peterson, Betsy Fornal, Marcia Glacue, Anna Giuliani, Denise Dorman, Robert Oberg, David Sampson, David Savage, Tony Fox, Ali Poirier, and Charles Wick who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Steven and Christina DuFault, Aaron and Jennifer Rannenberg, and Arielle Rogers-Wilkey and Taylor Wilkey who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Carl Schalk

Electronic offertory resources can be found on page 15 of this bulletin



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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 Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1855

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a Proper Preface is said.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Hymnal S-125

setting by Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. *Fine*

- Choir:* 1. The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**
2. One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If you would like a blessing rather than communion, simply indicate so by folding your arms across your chest.*

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be
 2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the
 3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the
 4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,
 5 (By mo - ther) earth my Lord be praised; gov - erned by
 6 (My Lord be) praised by those who prove in free for -
 7 (For death our) sis - ter, prais - ed be, from whom no
 8 (Most High, om) - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be



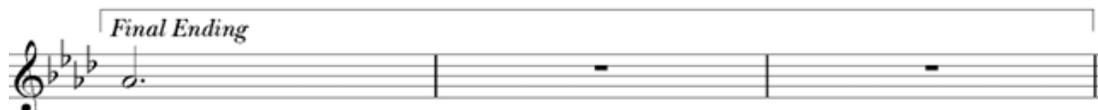
1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.
 2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor:
 3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.
 4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire;—
 5 thee she hath up - raised what for our life is need - ful.
 6 giv - ing - ness their love, nor shrink from trib - u - la - tion.
 7 one a - live can flee. Woe to the un - pre - par - ed!
 8 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is
 2 with bright - ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to
 5 Sus - tained by thee, through ev - ery hour, she bring - eth
 6 Hap - py, who peace - a - bly en - dure; with thee, Lord,
 7 But blest be they who do thy will and fol - low
 8 Let crea - tures all give thanks to thee, and serve in



1 wor - thy thee to name.	2 My Lord be
2 fies thy bound - less sway.	3 My Lord be
3 all, re - peat the psalm.	4 By sis - ter
4 light - en all the night.	5 By mo - ther
5 forth fruit, herb, and flower.	6 My Lord be
6 their re - ward is sure.	7 For death our
7 thy com - mand - ments still.	8 Most High, om -
8 great hu - mil - i - (ty.)	



ty.

This hymn may be sung by alternating groups, with all singing the first and final stanzas.

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 405

Royal Oak

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Blessing of the Animals

Circle of Praise

Leader All dogs and cats, large and small:
People **Praise the Lord!**

Leader All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:
People **Praise the Lord!**

Leader All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:
People **Praise the Lord!**

Leader All robins, wrens, and singing birds:
People **Praise the Lord!**

Leader Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:
People **Praise the Lord!**

Prayers and Adoration, Thanksgiving and Confession

Creator God, You have made a beautiful world filled with wonder and surprises! **We adore you.**

Creator God who has gifted us with the blessing of fellow creatures, those in the wild, those on farms, and those in our own homes. **We adore you.**

Creator God, you brought into being that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, animals we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth. **We adore you.**

We thank you for abundant life; for the birds we hear in the morning, for the drone of the bees when we are outside, for the vast tapestry of life which is interwoven. **We give you thanks.**

We thank you for the gift of our own animal companions; for the joy they bring us. For the unconditional love and forgiveness which teaches us about you. For the benefits they are to our health and to our Spirit. **We give you thanks.**

And yet, we know that we have not always been faithful caretakers of our fellow creatures; Forgive us when we have neglected our animal companions; Forgive us when we have dirtied their environment, erased places of shelter, polluted the waters, killed off their food supplies or neglected to feed or tend animals in our own communities:

Forgive us when we have not loved them as they have loved us. Forgive us when we neglect to see all fellow creatures as part of your creation. Forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge that your love beats in all hearts, and that you give breath to all creation.

God is love. Take hold of God's forgiveness, and let us live our lives knowing that we are forgiven, and deeply loved; knowing that God enables us to live fully, richly, and deeply. **Amen.**

God calls you to serve with love and compassion, and honoring the earth by caring for her creation.

Leader Will you care for creation?

People **We will care for creation!**

We will nurture our animals!

We will celebrate the circle of life with them!

Leader May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the presence of the holy within you.

Leader Go in peace! Serving God and loving all creatures!

People **We go in peace, serving God and loving our animal kin.**

The Blessing of the Animals

Minister [insert name], you were created by God, and you are loved by God. May you and your human family experience joy and companionship together, and continue to be a blessing to each other. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

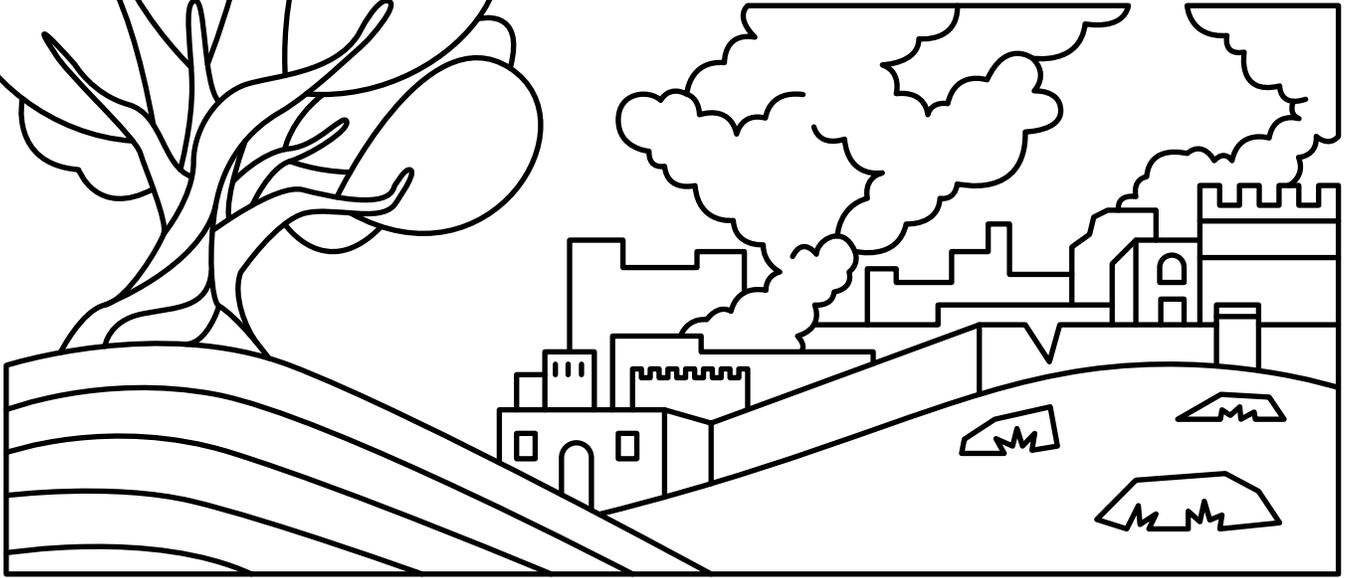
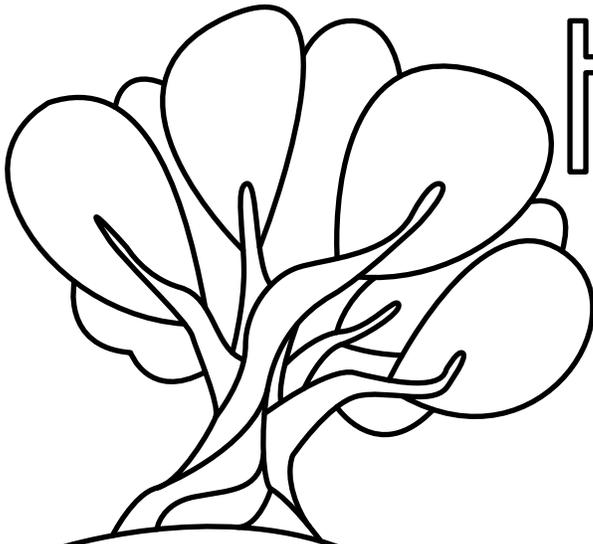
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	10:00 Participants
Celebrant:	The Rev. John Fountain
Preacher:	The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone
Minister of Music:	Rodney Ayers
Ushers:	David Wright, Nora Wright, Mark Cordle, Susan Thomson-Cordle
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Betsy Fornal, Deborah Collins
1st Reading:	Julie Cronin
2nd Reading:	Mallory Walsh
Prayers:	Mike Cerullo
Acolyte:	Savannah Kerr
Altar Guild:	Liz Barton, Kathy Denny-Brown, Pam Dresselhouse, Cheryl Fernstrom, Ruth Haynsworth, Lois McLoughlin, and Cynthia Newton

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HOW LONELY



SITS WITH CITY



ON A C E FULL OF PEOPLE !