



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Gathering**

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In today's Bible story, Joshua recounts the history of God's saving actions on behalf of the Israelites. In the Old Testament, forgetting God's previous faithfulness was a chief sin for the Israelites and caused all sorts of problems. Likewise, it is important for us today to pay attention to the work of God and to remember the ways God has been faithful to us. Where do you see God today? Are you able to look back at a time in your life when God seemed to be particularly active? Have you witnessed a miracle or sensed God's Spirit in a certain location or circumstance? Can you think of a Bible story you have heard that demonstrates God's work to heal our broken world?

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

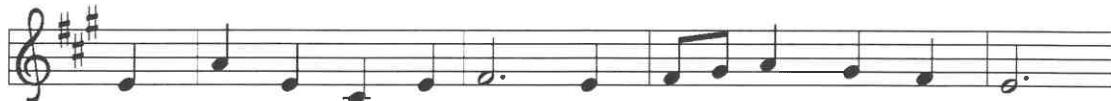
Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven \ddagger and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - sequence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
⁷so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

READING: Joshua 24:1-15

A reading from Joshua.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Gergashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

¹⁴Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

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 forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNION BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, \texttildelow one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle is in bass clef, and the bottom is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

This week:

- *Carry out an act of kindness to recommit yourself to the actions of God.*
- *Look up each of the stories mentioned in today's text and read them in their contexts. What common threads do you notice? What is different about the stories?*
- *One of the best ways to remember stories is through song or movement. Can you think of any Bible songs that you know that tell stories of God's saving activity? If not, can you find some traditional or contemporary songs that tell stories? Consider teaching or sharing these songs with another person in your family or congregation.*

PRAYER LIST

Grieving

The Krumlauf Family

Strength

Edith Atwell
Albert Burkhart
The Carroll Family
Lynn Dagata
Janet Delgado
Gabe DeMaria
Astrid Grossmann
Jason Haley
Miles Hartnett
Karl Hurowitz
Ryan Lynch
Marty Massey
Dr. Les Prusnofsky
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett
Carmen Green
Nicole Hetzer
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
Sean Hudgins