

INDEED, I COUNT  
EVERYTHING AS LOSS  
BECAUSE OF THE  
SURPASSING WORTH  
OF KNOWING CHRIST  
JESUS MY LORD. FOR  
HIS SAKE I HAVE  
SUFFERED THE LOSS  
OF ALL THINGS AND  
COUNT THEM AS  
RUBBISH, IN ORDER  
THAT I MAY GAIN  
CHRIST  
PHILIPPIANS 3:8

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4, 2020  
8:00 a.m.**

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by **Larry and Grace Hoffman** in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers in front of the lectern today are given to the glory of God by **Tim and Bev Reeb** in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
God's continued blessings!

## **As We Gather**

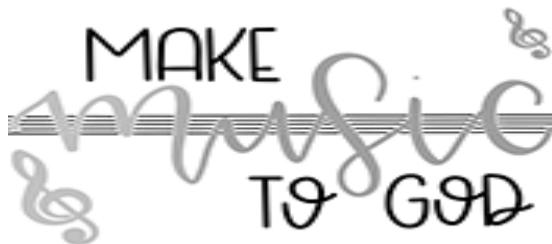
"The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel," sings Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Note that Israel, the vineyard, belongs to the Lord of hosts, not to Israel. What a hard lesson for our Old Testament forebears to learn! When Jesus used that text as the basis for His timely parable, the truth didn't sink in. The workers in the vineyard wanted to own the vine and its wine, and Jesus' hearers wanted to control Israel as if it were their own. "Rubbish," Paul virtually yells in his epistle. Everything is worthless compared to knowing Christ. Why? Because "Christ Jesus has made me His own." To belong to Christ, by the grace of God, is all that we need. In the process we find that we belong here, within God's vineyard, until by His upward call we find that we are in His presence forever.

## **Preservice Music**

### ***Rondo from Sinfonie de Fanfare Amazing Grace***

#### **Woodwind Ensemble**

Katherine Schlechte, bassoon  
Barb Gutridge, violin  
Diane Heizer, clarinet  
Sherri Devany, clarinet  
Gretchen Devany, flute  
Cara Clemens, flute



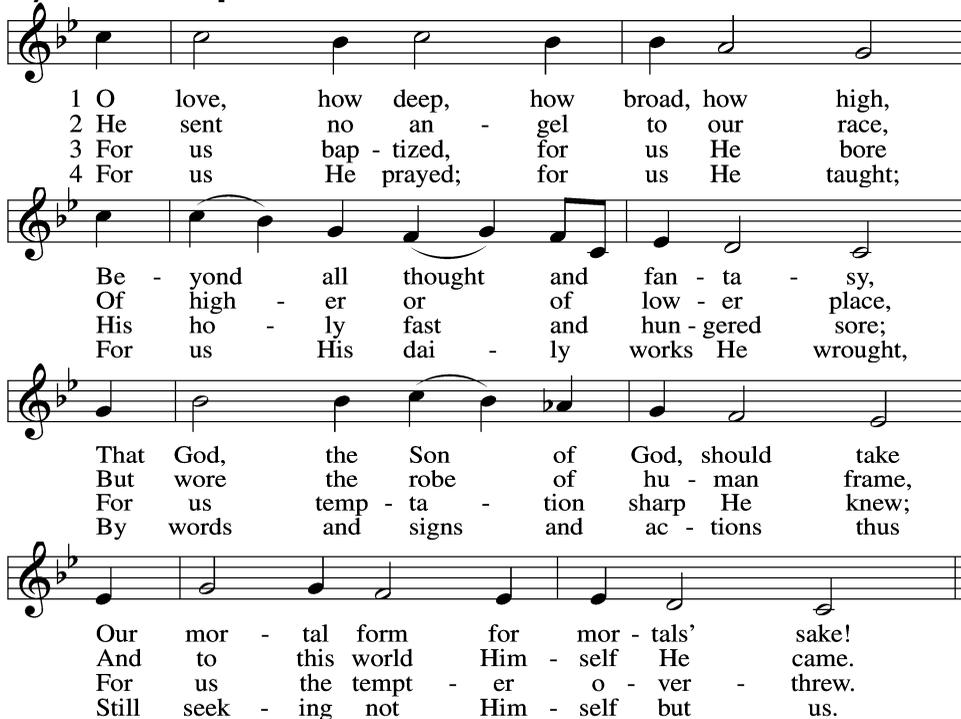
## **Ringing of the Bells**

## **Welcome and Greeting**

*Please stand*

# O Love, How Deep

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore taught;  
4 For us He prayed; for us He

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 118:22-24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**
- P** This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*  
*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

## *Isaiah 5:1–7*

- <sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.
- <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
- <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## *Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." A common time signature (C) is placed above the first note of the second staff.

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 21:33–46**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*





## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Lord, in your mercy:
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
  
- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



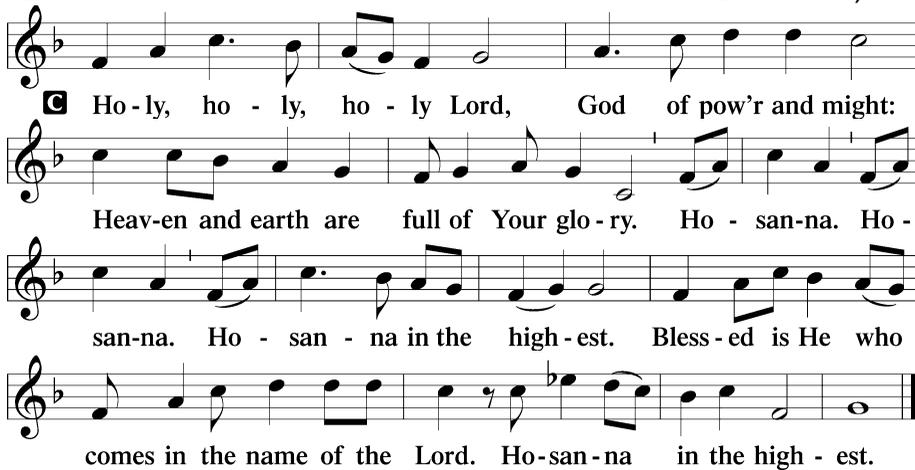
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

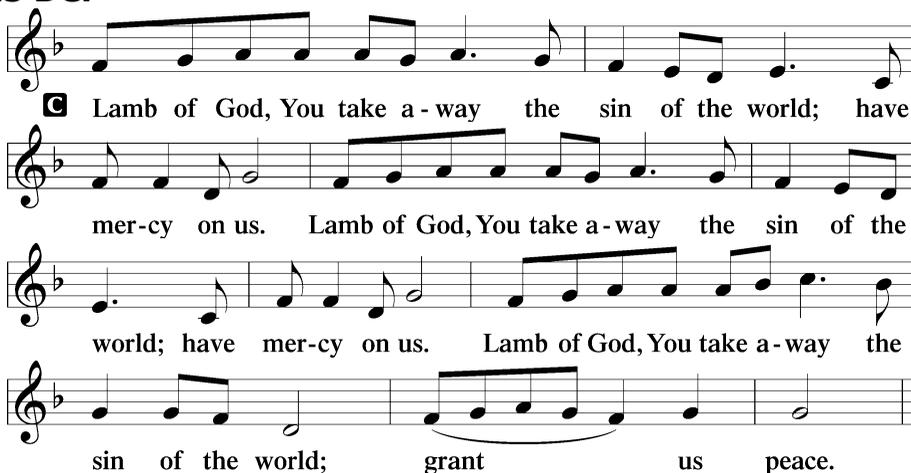
## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29



□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

***It Is Well With My Soul***

***Woodwind Ensemble***

***Swing Low Sweet Chariot***

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IT IS  
WELL  
WITH  
my  
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# Christ Be My Leader

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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