

Pentecost 21
October 12-13, 2024

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND **PASSING OF PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP **“Surely The Presence”**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace_.

I can hear the brush of angels’ wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P **Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.**

C **Amen.**

P **Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P **Gracious God,**

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P **God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.**

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Rise Up O Saints Of God"

1 Rise up, O saints of God!

**From vain_ ambitions turn;
Christ rose tri - umphant that your hearts
with no - bler zeal might burn.**

3 Rise up, O saints of God!

**The king - dom's task embrace;
redress sin's_ cruel consequence;
give jus - tice larger place.**

5 Commit your hearts to seek

**the paths_ which Christ has trod;
and, quickened_ by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up_, O saints of God!**

GREETING

**P May peace be to this house and all who enter here. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we a-dore you, we lift_ high our thanks and praise
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we
raise.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to you we call
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM

LESSON OF THE DAY

Job 23:1-9

The lesson begins:

Job answered [his friend:] "Today also my complaint is bitter; [God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

P **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.**

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

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE “Build Our Lives”
We will build our lives upon God’s love.
It is a firm foundation
and we will put our trust in Him alone
and we will not be shaken_

APOSTLES’ CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A You have made the Church the bride of your beloved Son. Make it radiant with faithfulness and lovely with holiness. Adorn its words and deeds with such grace, that through them, many people may hear your invitation and gladly partake of your wedding-banquet of salvation. Embolden your Church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer

A **Bless the people and ministries of this congregation. Help us to rejoice in your strong saving love; to speak gently and act with humility; to think on those things which are good, honorable and pleasing to you; and to encourage our family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, so that all may live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us today (especially....). Give us grace and strength to live in ways which are good, true, lovely, pure, honorable, and praiseworthy and the joy of dwelling with them in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.**

C **Amen.**

OFFERING – Plates will be passed

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THE OFFERTORY “Praise To You, O God Of Mercy”

Praise to you, O God of mercy; thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly; thanks be to you forever!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

P Blessed are you, Almighty Father, whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God. Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us.

You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow’r and might_,

Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna_ in the highest.

Bless’d is he who comes in Your name_,

Hosanna_ in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor’s own words)

P Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

P As a community, let us say the Lord's Prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

THE COMMUNION is given and received.

THE BLESSING

P Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Seek Ye First"

**1 Seek ye_ first the_ king - dom of God
And His_ righteous - ness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Alle – lu, alleluia**

**3 Ask and it shall be_ given unto you
Seek and_ ye shall_ find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Alle – lu, alleluia**

DISMISSAL

**A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,
C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE