



## Worship with Communion

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Becoming Beloved Community, week 2

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**Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!**

Amma Diane

#### ♪ **Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit**

Faithful God, you sent your Spirit long ago at Pentecost.

You gave life and said to share it, all as one, beneath your cross.

May we see your wondrous blessing when your people everywhere

Work together, all confessing faith that binds us, faith to share.

God of hope, you daily nurture those who seek to follow you.

You're not bound by any culture; you love rich and poor ones, too.

In an ever-changing nation, may your churches welcome in

Every child of your creation, giving hope to all again.

God of love, may we in worship welcome our diversity.

May we reach in trust and friendship to the poor and refugee.

May we see Christ in the stranger, breaking bonds of hate and fear.

By your Spirit, may we offer glimpses of your kingdom here.

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

*All* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. **AMEN!**

#### **Becoming Beloved Community – A Litany of Repentance**

*Celebrant* Dear people of God, our history is marred by oppression, by the enslavement of those who differ from us, and by the forces of racism that attack human dignity. The sin of racism is woven into our lives and our cultures, in small and great ways, in things done and things left undone. As followers of Christ, we reject racism and the oppression of other human beings. In building Christ's beloved community, we must strive to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation. In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us humbly repent before God our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism.

*Celebrant* God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today. Have mercy on us.

*People* God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body. Have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice. Have mercy on us.

*People* **We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest.**

*Celebrant* We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest.

*People* **We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises.**

*Celebrant* We have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace.

*People* **We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others.**

*Celebrant* We have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.

*People* **We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little.**

*Celebrant* We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.

*People* **We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us.**

*Celebrant* We have divided ourselves from others, and refused to listen to or believe their experience.

*People* **We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers.**

*Celebrant* We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.

*People* **We have been self-satisfied in our privilege, and denied our oppression of others.**

*Celebrant* We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace.

*People* **We have quietly held good intentions, and kept silent the message of reconciliation.**

*Celebrant* We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love.

*All* **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.

*All* **AMEN!**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 44. 6-8

*Reader 1* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.*

*Reader 1* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Unison Reading

Psalms 86. 11-17

*Reader 1* Let us read together from Psalm 86.

*All* **Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your Name for evermore. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the**

nethermost Pit. The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes. But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth. Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## **Gospel**

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

*Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"*

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Amma Diane

## **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*

Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All*

**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**

- Reader 2* God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Matt, our Bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.
- All* **God of love, hear our prayers for the church.**
- Reader 2* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.
- All* **God of freedom, hear our prayers for the world.**
- Reader 2* God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.
- All* **God of justice, hear our prayers for the earth.**
- Reader 2* God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.
- All* **God of peace, hear our prayers for the community.**
- Reader 2* God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.
- All* **God of mercy, hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

*Reader 2* God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*All* **God of grace, hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Reader 2* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Reader 2* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. 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.

*All* **AMEN!**

### **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ **One Bread, One Body**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
 And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
 And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord, of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
 And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

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## **Offering Our Gifts**

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mysjec.com/donate](http://mysjec.com/donate). Thank you for your financial support as we've adapted our ministry and mission together these past few months.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

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

*All* **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!**

### **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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!**

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

## **♪ O God, As We Pause from Our Usual Ways**

O God, as we pause from our usual ways, as millions stay home, as we count passing days, may we learn what matters—what really has worth. May we seek your reign as we live here on earth. May we find your blessings in small, common things; may we learn the joy that community brings. In loving our neighbors, in stopping to pray, may we know your presence in each passing day. God, may we reflect on a world that has changed—a world where our values have been rearranged. For those who once thought they could stand by themselves now value the workers who restock the shelves. As greed and injustice are being laid bare, may we build a nation that's loving and fair. God, give us the courage to change what we can, to work for the justice that's part of your plan. So, turn us around, Lord, to make your world new; May we seek, in all things, to first follow you. In change and in sorrow may we seek your reign. O God, in our pausing, restore us again!

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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