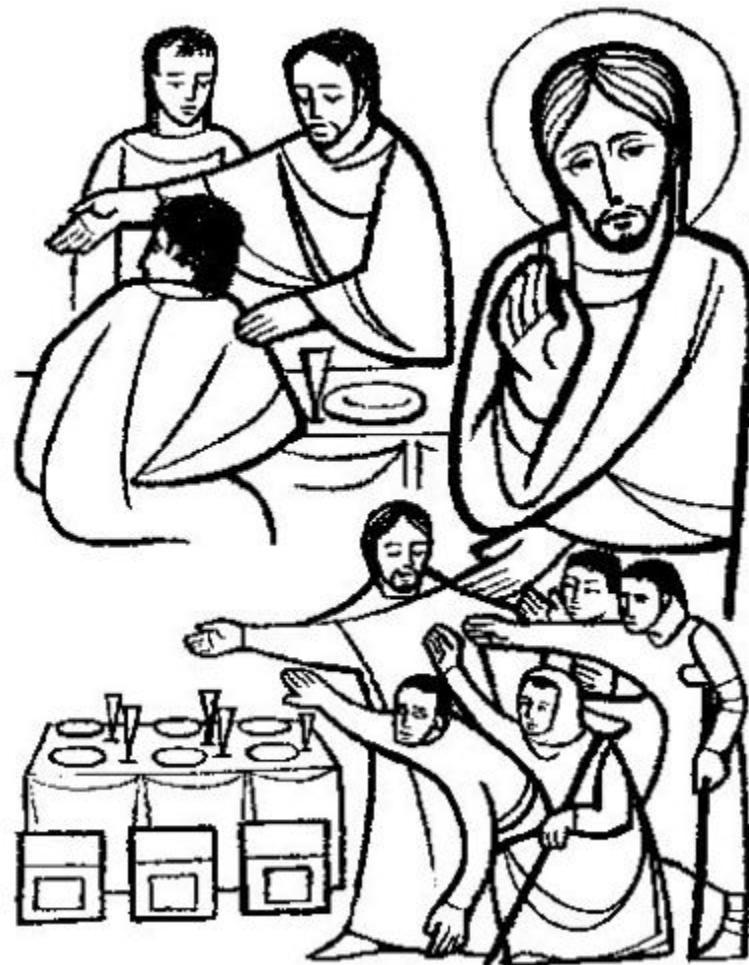


Welcome to Christ Church Pomfret

9 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn # 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy," I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling as are able*

**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.**

*A deacon or lay person remains kneeling*

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Venite - *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our  
salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with  
thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his  
voice!

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

## **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

### **Psalm Psalm 81:1, 10-16      *Exultate Deo***

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \* and raise  
a loud shout to the God of Jacob.  
10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt and said, \* "Open  
your mouth wide, and I will fill it."  
11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.  
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of  
their hearts, \* to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.  
15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe  
before him, \* and their punishment would  
last for ever.  
16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat  
\* and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

## **13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men***

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING - Jeremiah 2:4-13**

*A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.*

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

*Here ends the reading.*

## 18 A Song to the Lamb

*Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \* are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \* and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \* for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \* a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \* and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \* for ever and for evermore.

## SECOND READING - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*A Reading from the Book of Hebrews.*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Here ends the Reading.*

## You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims  
you; Father, of majesty unbounded, of your  
own blood,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our  
judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price and bring us with your  
saints to glory everlasting.

## Hymn #686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

### THIRD READING - Luke 14:1, 7-14

*A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

### REFLECTIONS

#### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*Lorraine Reeder*

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 to the dead.

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.

### **The Prayers** *The people stand or kneel*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

### **The 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Then follows the Suffrages*

### **Suffrages B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; R. ***Govern and uphold them, now and always.***

V. Day by day we bless you; R. ***We praise your Name for ever.***

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today; R. ***Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.***

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy; R. ***For we put our trust in you.***

V. In you, Lord, is our hope; R. ***And we shall never hope in vain***

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

### *The Collect of the Day*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops, Jeffrey our Bishop elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions here: Birthdays, Anniversaries & those needing prayers is read from a separate sheet brought to the lectern.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*The Concluding Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

#### **Presentation Hymn 380 (vs. 3 only)**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble  
thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord  
Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of  
glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of  
your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show  
forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Recessional Hymn #344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing**

### **DISMISSAL**

Your service here has ended, your service to the world has just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**