



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Traditional Service July 25, 2021

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Pastorale" from *Seven Sketches for Organ*

Percy Whitlock

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are hungry, O God.

All: Feed us with manna each day.

One: We are hungry, O God.

All: Feed us with bread of life.

One: We are hungry, O God.

All: May we taste and see your goodness.

One: Let us give thanks and worship God.

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Here in this Place

#401

GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our
dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of
history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

3 Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFSSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. You assure us there is enough, yet we live in the worry of scarcity instead. You provide for us each day, yet we hoard your gifts as if you don't. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your truth of abundance so that we may return to you in peace and grow more and more in love, sharing all that we have with the world, following in the ever-generous, open-hearted way of our brother Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:2-4, 13-15 John 6:24-35 Kim Miner

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. Lindsey Clifton Altvater

“A Good Word: Enough”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

#509

HOLY MANNA

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH (from *New Zealand Book of Prayer*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Hear My Cry, O God

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

Cesar Franck

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

Great God of Every Blessing

#694

AURELIA

1 Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

3 Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

2 Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Exultemus" from Seven Sketches for Organ

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