



**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

#401

Here in this Place

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 CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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

#509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

**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.

**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.

**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.

### 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

Cesar Franck

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

**\*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**

**#694**

Great God of Every Blessing

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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