



CHRIST
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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 3, 2021

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The heavens are telling the glory of God

C May our worship reflect God's glory.

P **The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

C May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

P Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

C Let us worship!

-adapted from Jesus Sets the Table, resources by the United Church of Christ, posted on their Worship Ways website.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

* Today's prelude is influenced by Psalm 8 (our psalm for the day, page 4).

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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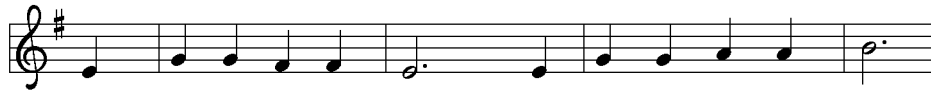
Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:18-24

L The First Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, **"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."** ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

**"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."**

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 8

Spoken responsively.

L ¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth

C ²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

L ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

L ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

C ⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

L ⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

C ⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

L ⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

L The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³**He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,** and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins,

he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

**"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?**

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸**subjecting all things under their feet."**

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

**"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."**

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 5

'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸**and the two shall become one flesh.'** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹**Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."**

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, **"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."**

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, **"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."** ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ciara Jones

SERMON

Rev. Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Made **children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.**

A brief silence.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Continue to work in your people instilling in all a deep understanding of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You have created a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in all a sense of wonder for the world you created and a desire to maintain your good creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. We pray especially for Christ Lutheran, that you would strengthen our relationships, and build up our community. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. This day we pray especially for Victoria, Diane, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and for all those we now name in our hearts in the presence of one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless all of our members, those worshiping online, those present, and those on the periphery. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen the trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person ***you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.***

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

The offering is our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us. (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

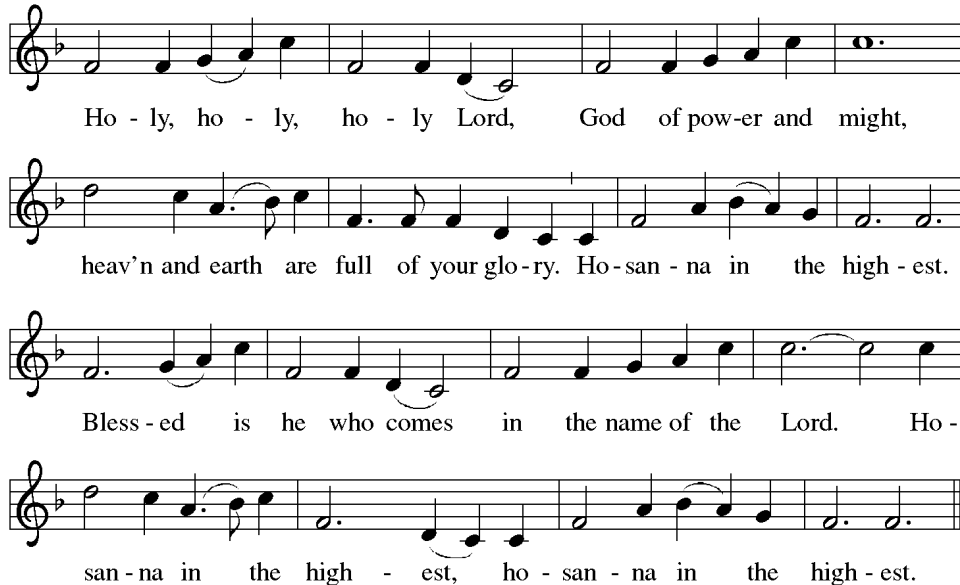
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated. Time for prayer and meditation

HYMN



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Go My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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P You are the body of Christ risen up for the sake of the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Fletcher

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