



21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 17, 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP P Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth! C Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts! P **Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.** C We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words. P Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth! C Blessed be the Lord!

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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.

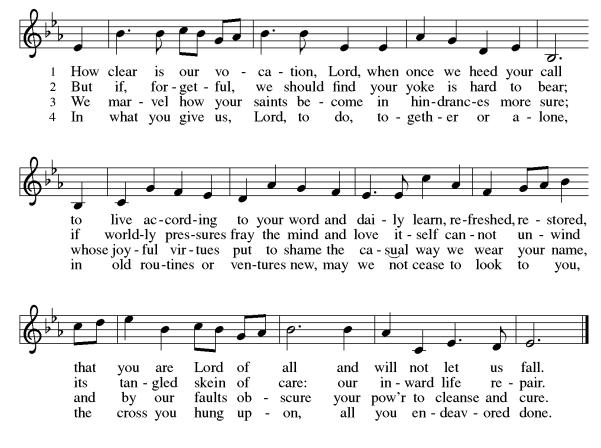
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



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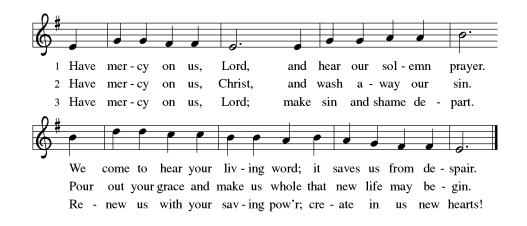
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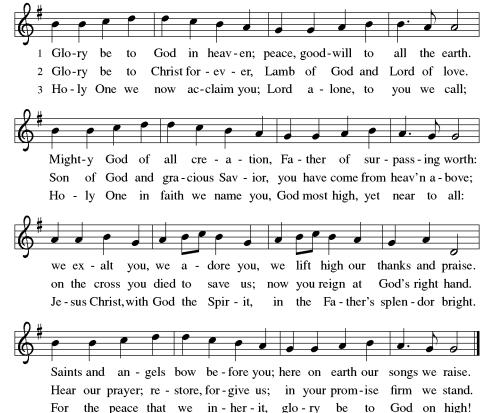
GREETING

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 53:4-12

L A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

PSALM 91:9-16 Spoken responsively.

L ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C ¹⁰no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

- L¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- C¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- L¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- C¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
- L ¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- C¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:1-10

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to

drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

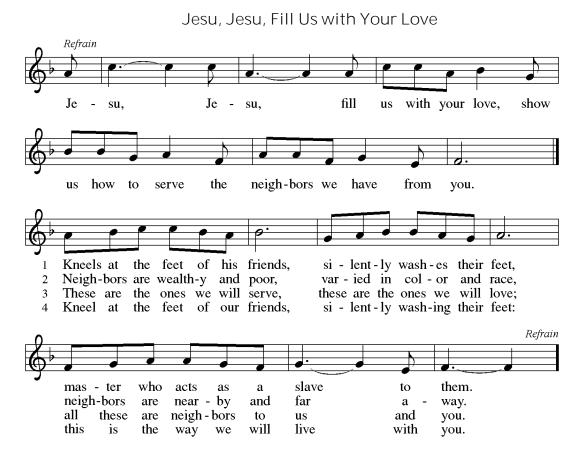
Ciara Jones

Rev. Wes Smith

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Lift and raise up the gifts in our midst. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

PCreating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that all living things flourish as you intend. As you heal us, so might we heal Your creation. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness. 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 this assembly, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ 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.

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.



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;

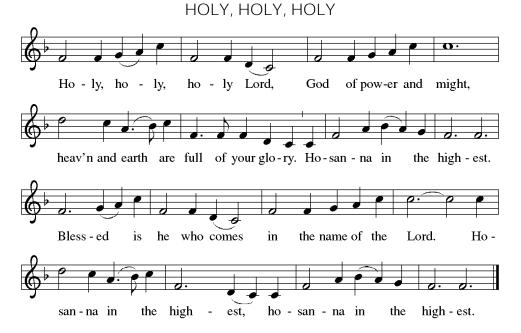
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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:



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

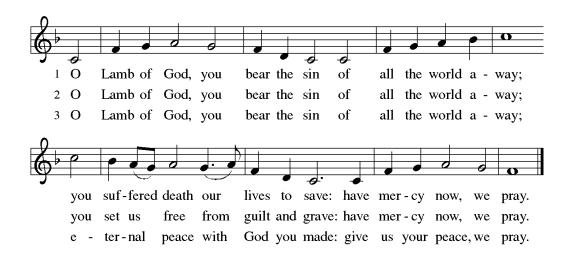
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

HYMN



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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.

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

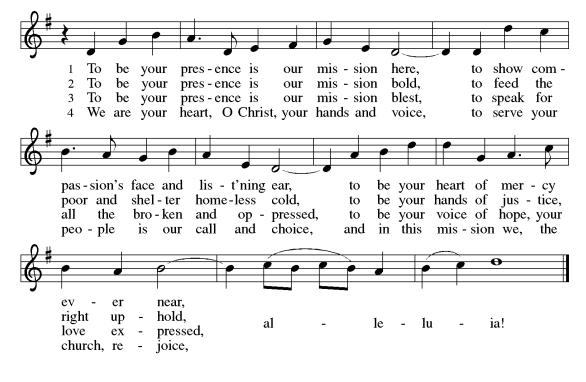
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SENDING SONG

To Be Your Presence



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DISMISSAL

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

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Today's guest pianist: Debi Prather

This week's Altar Flowers are sponsored by: Connie Steinhart In memory of John and celebrating his first grandson's birthday. Look out, he is about to become a licensed driver!

Upcoming Commemorations

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist

Monday, October 18, 2021

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

Saturday, October 23, 2021

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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