

Sunday, October 18, 2020 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister

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The Liturgy is from Setting 4, page 147, in the hymnal.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Eric and Marcus Stanley

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

A moment of silence for self-reflection.

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON

As the Prodigal Son I come to you, merciful God. I have wasted my whole life in a foreign land; I have scattered the wealth which You gave me. Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy.**

Receive me in repentance, O God, and have mercy upon me. Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of life. Christe eleison, **Christ have mercy.**

In your compassion purify me by the loving kindness of your mercy. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. **Created by You, let us live in your image; created for You, let us act for your glory; redeemed by You, let us give You what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD
God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Be Christ To You

Parks
Soloist: June Heinecke

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

45:1-7
Reader: Jim Christensen

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96:1-13
Cantor: June Heinecke

¹Sing to the LORD| a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.
⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,**
for you come to | judge the earth.
¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE THESSALONIANS**

1:1-10
Reader: Jim Christensen

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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vs. 1 & 3

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on You, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

Moen

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (sing twice)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us." (sing twice)**

Give Thanks

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Blessed is the one who goes to God for safety.** You, holy people of God, have respect for the Lord. **Those who respect God have everything that they need.** (Ps. 34)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

Observe a moment of silence.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.**

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

You Servants of God

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SENDING

People of Nativity, what is our mission?

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts we carry light and love to the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

An Irish Blessing

300 Irish Churches

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