

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** 

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## Prelude

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

## C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. Silence is kept for reflection.

## P: God our comforter,

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

Gathering Hymn "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" ELW #717



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776 Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press.

#### Greeting

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

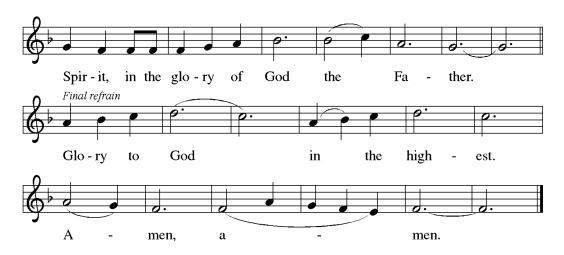
#### C: And also with you.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of







#### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
 <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.
 <sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**  **Gospel Acclamation** 



#### **Gospel Reading**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the Tenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ** 

Sermon "Doers of the Word: Faith"

**Hymn of the Day** "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" ELW #696



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

#### 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.

## LWR Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication

P: With hearts filled with gratitude at the kindness and generosity shown in the donations and faithfulness of service by those sewing and assembling, we pause in thanksgiving and dedication of these kits and quilts.

P: God of grace, over the clamor of the world's self-serving roar you have made known to us people with profound needs, and by grace you have freed us to respond.

## C: We thank you, Gracious God.

P: With hours and hands, purse and purchase, needle and thread you have provided us with a farreaching channel to make our compassion tangible.

## C: We thank you, Gracious God.

P: Having reached the completion of our project, the kits and quilts arrayed before us have become gifts of hope and beauty.

# C: We thank you, Gracious God.

P: As we gather today, we pray your blessing upon these quilts and kits, and pray that they may be a blessing to those who receive them.

## C: May they be blessed to be a blessing, Loving God.

P: Stir in us your Spirit and commit our lives to your mission of remedy for the desperate conditions which cry for such mercies as these.

## C: Give us courage, Merciful God.

P: Embolden us to advocate for greater justice, wider mercy, and persistent peace among the peoples of the world.

## C: Give us courage, Merciful God.

P: Guide us into simple, more open lives of faithful stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us.

## C: Give us courage, Merciful God.

P: We pray for the work of Lutheran World Relief in our combined, faith-filled work to integrate these quilts and kits into a breadth of ministries increasing the sustainability, dignity, and wholeness of those whose lives are now so challenged with such a deficit of each. **C: Make us diligent in our labors, generous in our offerings, and earnest in our prayers.** 

P: In the name of Jesus, our servant Lord we pray.

## C: Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

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

P: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We pray for all in need, (especially...) Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** 

P: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

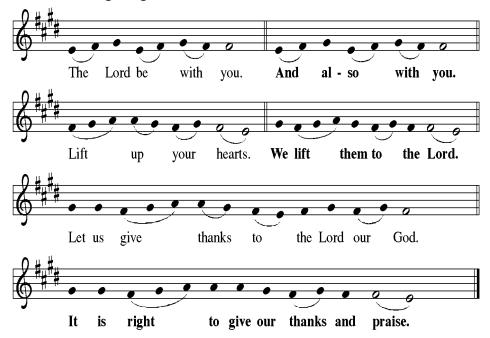
All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

#### **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all, C: And also with you!

#### Announcements

**Great Thanksgiving** 



Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



## 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 by blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

## 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.

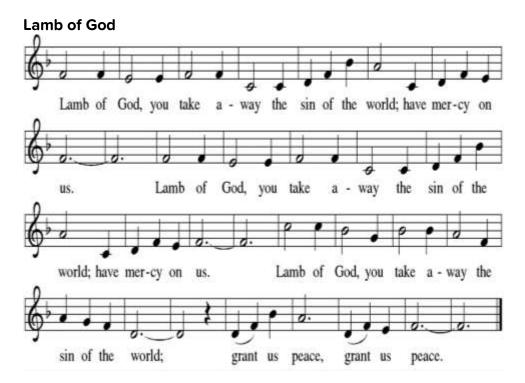
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

# Invitation to Communion

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.



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## **Prayer after Communion**

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

# C. Amen.

# Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## C: Amen.



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#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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