

Sunday, October 22, 2017
20th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Communion”

Richard Purvis

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.*

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 *Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.
For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in
others:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and
warfare:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:*

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P *God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the holy Spirit, that
Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*

C **Amen!**

***GATHERING SONG**

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW 462

Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

***GREETING**

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

G **And also with you.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

"I Come with Joy" vv. 1, 3, 5

ELW 482

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,

**and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P *Sovereign God,*

G **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!**

ANTHEM

"Come and Dine"
Chancel Choir

Craig Curry

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reflection

Why were the Israelites instructed to prepare for this Passover? What is Passover? (see verses 12-13) Why do you think the instructions included for the lamb to be roasted, not boiled or raw? Why were they to eat it "hurriedly"? (verse 11) What were they to do with the blood of the lamb? (verse 7) What does this instruction for celebrating the first Passover have to do with our celebration of Holy Communion? What is different? What is the same? Why is it important that we as Christians remember this?

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Reflection

What does Paul say here about the celebration of Holy Communion? What do we share when we eat and drink? Why do you think he emphasizes the bread and what it means? This text is part of a longer argument about whether Christians should participate in sacred meals honoring other gods, and can Christians eat meat which has been sacrificed to other gods—about the only meat available in Corinth, since butchers were affiliated with a temple to a god. That particular discussion isn't really applicable to our culture. What does Paul say that is important to us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion? What does sharing in Holy Communion do for us? (verse 17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*****ELW 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
 Halle, halle, hallelujah.
 Halle, halle, hallelujah.
 Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL*Matthew 26:26-29**

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Reflection

What is the meal that Jesus and his disciples were eating when he instituted the Lord's Supper? (see verse 17 before this text) What is the discussion that they had during the meal? (see verses 20-25) After this discussion, "while they were eating," what does Jesus do? (verses 26-28) These words should be very familiar to you—we hear this story every time we have communion. Why do we hear this story each time? What do you think it means when Jesus says he will never drink wine again "until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom"? (verse 29) Do you think that day has come? Where is Jesus when we take communion, and eat the bread and drink the wine together? Judas, who betrayed him, is apparently present at this meal and receives the bread and wine. What do you think this means for Judas? For us? What happens to the disciples after this meal? (See verse 31) What does this mean for us? As Martin Luther reflected on this Sacrament, what does he think is the most important part? (See "The Sacrament of the Altar" in the Small Catechism, which is on page 1166 in the hymnal.) Reflect on its benefits for you (singular) and all of us together. What do we have to do to get ready to receive this Sacrament—that is, what makes us worthy? Whose job is it to make us worthy?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Langdon

LUTHER MOMENT

Phil Hornbostel

SERMON

“Sacrament of Holy Communion”

Rev. Roger Lenander

HYMN OF THE DAY

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

***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!**

***PRAYER SONG**

“Cares Chorus”

I cast all my cares upon You
I lay all of my burdens
Down at Your feet
And anytime that I don't know
What to do
I will cast all my cares upon You

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

Trusting in God, we pray for the church. Fill all worshipers with your Holy Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God’s splendor revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation: for the power of sun, wind, and water, for the riches buried in rock and soil, for the magnificence of life in forms too many to number. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations: for leaders of governments, for fair commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor and outcast, for those who cannot afford food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the communities and agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in God’s healing power, we pray for this congregation and the South Sudanese congregation: for the unemployed and overworked, for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and those in particular need *especially Kay, Ron, Dee, Lin, and Linda*. We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting glory you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen!

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C And also with you!

OFFERTORY

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" vv. 1 & 3

ELW 461

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
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.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P *God of life,*

C you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen!

***DIALOGUE**

P *The Lord be 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of hosts.

**Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.**

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest.

***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, 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 *Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.*

***BLESSING**

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

C **Amen!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P *Life-giving God,*

C **in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us
forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the
world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!**

***BENEDICTION**

P *God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, I Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.*

C **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

"God Is Good All The Time"

Refrain

God is good all the time
He put a song of praise
In this heart of mine
God is good all the time
Through the darkest night
His light will shine
God is good God is good
All the time

If you're walkin' through the valley
And there are shadows all around
Do not fear he will guide you
He will keep you safe and sound
'Cause he has promised to never leave you
Nor forsake you and his word is true *Refrain*

We were sinners so unworthy
Still for us he chose to die
Filled us with his holy spirit
Now we can stand and testify
That his love is everlasting
And his mercies they will never end *Refrain*

Though I may not understand
All the plans you have for me
My life is in your hands
And through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see

God is good all the time
He put a song of praise
In this heart of mine
God is good all the time
Through the darkest night
His light will shine
God is good he's so good
God is good he's so good
God is good he's so good all the time