



**HOLY COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

Those who confess Jesus as Messiah are called to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow. As we face suffering in the world and the brokenness of our own lives, we learn the meaning of losing our lives for the sake of the gospel. Each time we make the sign of the cross, and share the broken bread and the cup of salvation, we remember the good news that our baptism into Christ's death is also the promise of the resurrection.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Revive Us Again" (Maj # 391 - favorite) →

1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
 2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light,
 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
 4 Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love,

for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
 who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
 who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
 may each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

INVOCATION (\dagger = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son \dagger and Holy Spirit, one God, Whose name is majestic in all the earth, Who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, Who does all things well.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Steadfast and saving God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess to You all the ways we turn from You and harm one another. In Your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

P: In the name of \dagger Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son Who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him."(Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (WOV p29) →

Refrain

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Refrain*

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: O God, through suffering and rejection You bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross You transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 146 (*congregation: indented*)

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortal men, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—

the LORD, Who remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the alien
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.

PRAISE SONG *“Shout to the Lord”*

(ELW # 821 - favorite - Darlene Zschech) sing 2x

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y
love. My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength:
let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work
of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READINGIsaiah 35:4-7a.....p. 1112

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGJames 2:1-10, 14-17.....p. 1881

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (W&R # 472 - favorite)

Musical score for the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

WORDS and MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel (1864-1961)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 8:27-38.....p. 1566

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

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON *“What Does Your Life Revolve Around?”*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me?” (ELW # 798 - favorite)



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



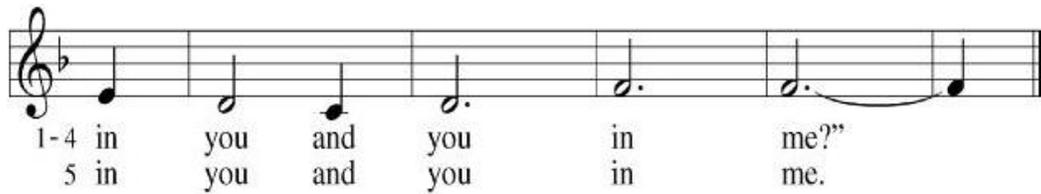
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be grown
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I mean
world a - round, through my sight and touch and sound
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow



Text: John Bell Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional; adapt. John Bell

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part IV. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

L: What is Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water contained within God's command and united with God's Word.

L: Where in the Word of God is this?

C: Where our Lord Christ spoke in the last chapter of Matthew (*Matthew 28:19*): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

L: What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow?

C: It gives us the forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as God's words and promises declare.

L: What are these words and promises of God?

C: Our Lord Christ spoke, in the last chapter of Mark (*Mark 16:16*): "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in 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 *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. As we gradually return to normal, people have the choice of receiving the elements "contact-free" (continuous flow on left side) or kneeling in "tables" and being handed the elements (right side). For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

THE AGNUS DEI *(SBH p37) →*

Swedish *Mässbok*, 1942
Adapted, REGINA H. FRYXELL

Unison

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer -
cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est
a - way the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Lift High the Cross" (Maj # 221 - favorite)

George Kitchin, Michael Newbolt

CRUCIFER Sydney H. Nicholson

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, 'Til

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1 Come, brethren, fol - low where our Sav - ior ; trod, Our
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious Tree, As
4 Set up Thy throne, that earth's de - spair may cease Be -
5 For Thy blest cross which doth for all a - tone, Cre -

1 King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
2 hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
3 Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
4 neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
5 a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

D.C.

2. "Strengthen for Service, Lord" (ELW # 497)

1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
 2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er

things have tak - en; and let the ears that heard your
 all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
 lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished

word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.
 love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.
 here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite Music: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

BUCKHURST RUN

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray together: **C: We give You thanks, O God, that You welcome us to Your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By Your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive His blessing: 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.

Based on T. TERTIUS NOBLE



C: A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

SENDING HYMN “Trust And Obey” (Maj # 586 - favorite) →

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
 2 Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
 3 Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
 4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His

1 sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
 2 drives it a - way; Not a doubt or a fear, Not a sigh or a tear
 3 rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
 4 side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,

1 And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 2 Can re - main when we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 3 But is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 4 Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth-er way To be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o - bey.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker/Sharon Branigan
PHONETREE: Marianne Sands
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela/10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Amanda Wechsler
LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein/10:45-Marianne Sands
LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler/10:45-Marianne Sands
COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein/Jonathan Miller/Josh Miller
10:45-Marianne Sands
PRAYER CARE: call Pat Gilbert (610) 867-7759
COUNTERS: Karen Brown/Michele Sciarra/Jan Stryker
GRASS CUTTERS: Rich Stein/Jonathan Miller (9/20-25)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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