



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

18th Sunday after Pentecost | October 4, 2020

NOTE: For this service of communion, you may want to have some bread or crackers and some kind of juice ready.

PRELUDE *We Come to the Hungry Feast* arr. Jerry Gunderson

Sue Anderson, Susan Pearse, Wayne Tillman, vocal trio; Lynn Auman, violin

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast. We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of every kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast. We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

God's promise is for all generations. Gen. 9:12

God's covenant is with every living thing.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Let us worship in thanks and praise.

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We praise you, promise making God!

You promise to be with us **always**,

to love us **no matter what**,

to forgive us **whenever we ask**.

And in Jesus Christ, your faithfulness is proven.

God, like those before us,

sometimes we forget our covenant relationship with you.

When we bow before the false gods of our world,

forgive our unfaithfulness and bring our focus back to you.

When we make “golden calves” of the things we have,

forgive our waywardness and remind us to share what we have with others.

To the fulness of your promise, we pray:

create anew, restore, enlighten, and forgive us, Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

My friends, hear these words, and receive their power:

God the Father promises to restore the old and create the new.

God the Son forgives our thoughtlessness and greed.

God the Spirit enlightens our way to wiser living.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen. (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-9

SERMON

“Remembering the Promise”

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

***Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.***

TEXT John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 181801866, alt. P.D. MUSIC: Johann Horn, 1490-1547 P.D.

(Interlude)

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.***

TEXT John of Damascus, 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 181801866, alt. P.D. MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835 P.D.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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Hear us as we proclaim your majesty:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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... to lift up your holy name and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, both now and always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(This week, we say the Lord's Prayer with some of our brothers and sisters around the world; all of us praying in our native tongues.)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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These are the Gifts from God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

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Send us into the world to work for justice and peace.

So that the Way of Love is made real in our lives. Amen

HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

***Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.***

Refrain:

***Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!***

Refrain:

***Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
Jasmine Braxton acolyte

INSTEAD

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. The first Sunday in October is celebrated as World Communion Sunday. Christians around the world celebrate communion today. It has a uniting purpose and builds community across the time zones and around the world. This Sunday we recognize our common love for Christ no matter what our particular denomination or nationality.

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