



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

22nd Sunday after Pentecost | November 1, 2020

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

PRELUDE

When the Poor Ones Who Have Nothing

Words and Music by José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano

Molly Frederick, Laura Viau, Wayne Tillman, Chad Hammer, vocal quartet

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Holy God, you call us and we come with our hearts' desires.

With our pleas and our hopes and our thanks.

We bring all that we have, all that we are.

Everything—that makes us who we are.

By your Spirit, we are gathered and re-membered.

Ready to offer ourselves and answer this call to worship.

HYMN

Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God we find you here, we find you there,
we find you everywhere.

Not limited in scope, nor choosy, nor fickle,
you are—for everyone in the world—

**unconditionally loving, forever merciful,
and tireless in compassionate caring.**

O, that we might reflect that image more fully,
as a people and as your church.

**Forgive our waywardness, our fretting, and withholding.
Give us compassion that endures,
generosity that reveals your kingdom,
and hope that outshines the world's despair. Amen.**

HYMN (*verse two*)

*The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, know that through Christ we are forgiven.
We have been set free to serve God in all that we do,
to write again what we know should never be forgotten,
and to stand in solidarity with those who seek truth.

We are indeed forgiven, alleluia! Amen!

HYMN (*verse three*)

*Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt., P.D. TUNE: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesang, 1566. P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 17:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Hurry Up and Wait”

Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry

General Presbyter & Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.

A THANKSGIVING FOR GENEROSITY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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... are welcome to join as we eat together, even from a distance.

We sit in our homes, ready with our own supplies.

Let us break bread together.

Great 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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... or going home to be with you.

We thank you.

Even as we trust that you have always been with us,
it feels better to say together, out loud:

you will never abandon us,

you will never let us go.

Hear us as we praise your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and pour the cup.

Giving ourselves to you,
**we offer our gifts and our commitment
to make your love known.**

God of all—we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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To you who are able to do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. All glory and honor are yours.

AMEN!

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Communion

These are Gifts from God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Shall we eat and drink together?

Prayer after Communion

We have broken the bread,
we have poured the drink,
we have shared a meal together.

**Even while we remain physically separated,
we have been united in our souls.**

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keep us mindful
of the call to generosity;
keep us open
to nudges from your spirit as the year moves along;
keep us united
bound to you and to one another as your body;
remembering that we are made in your image
to work for justice and for peace. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt. TUNE: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt. P.D.

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O God Who Gave Yourself

FOREST GREEN

Gail Thomas, Susan Pearce, Wayne Tillman, Ken Curry, vocal quartet

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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