

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

October 18, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have a small bowl of water on hand and ready for our time of baptismal remembrance.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW Red Hymnal 413
(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
*though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.*

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
*All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God who answers prayer, we are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20, 2:1-10

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. 'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

P: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of Luke:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Grace Alworth, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Faithful Women

Red ELW Hymnal 419
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

- 1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.***

- 3. *We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea. As Israel marched to freedom, her chains of bondage gone, so may we reach the kingdom your mighty arm has won.***
- 4. *To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace, you gave a son and called him to serve before your face. Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray and trust in your deliv'rance when darkness hides our way.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION

P: As we prepare to remember our baptism, we affirm that baptism is a daily event.

C: **In the waters of my baptism, I live as a member of God's family, repenting daily and giving thanks to God for God's blessings and promises to me. In these waters, the Holy Spirit daily drowns my sinful self and calls forth the new person that I am in Christ, created to love my neighbor. I affirm this ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. I affirm that I belong to Jesus.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

P: "You belong to Jesus"

BAPTISMAL BLESSING

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit, may the waters of your baptism surround you in grace and empower you to love your neighbor!

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We will do the prayers like we normally do, where you can offer petitions. some of you have already sent prayers by email. I will read those first. Those who want to respond live may do so, and I'll read those also.

P: Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Linda, Karen, Margot, Christine, Kathy, Peggy, and the family of Isabel,

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited. If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW Red Hymnal 723

Canticle of the Turning

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

1. *My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

3. *From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.*

[Refrain]

4. *Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.*

[Refrain]

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Welcome Grace Alworth, Guest Preacher and Worship Leader

Grace graduated from Luther Seminary in 2012 with a Masters of Arts in Congregation and Community Care. She is now working to complete an MDiv and the steps for ordination in Word & Sacrament in the ELCA. Grace also thrives as the creative business owner at Studio 2 Ceramics and as a pastoral counselor specializing in pre-marital preparation. She lives with her husband, two dogs, two cats, and six chickens in artsy Northeast Minneapolis. She enjoys gardening and baking pies.

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