

Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

October 25, 2020 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pr. Dave Olson

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW Red Hymnal 505
(Verses 1 & 4)

1. ***A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.***

4. ***God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs, shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:30-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Jonathan Holtmeier, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY
Day of Arising

Red ELW Hymnal 374
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

1. *Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*
2. *When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.*
4. *Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.*

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.**

MEAL

If you are alone, don't worry! I will say the words of distribution for you, and you can commune yourself.

Checklist for communion:

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

After I say the words of institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will administer to each other saying these words: Extending the bread, you say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." Offering the wine, you say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY
ELW Setting Two

ELW Red Hymnal p. 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.

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.

L: *(to those who are single)*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the words of institution, followed by the Lord's Prayer. As you do the words of institution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).

LAMB OF GOD

ELW, Setting Two

Red Hymnal p 135

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Take Me As I Am

Ruth Bills, soloist

BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: And now let us respond to the receiving of God's gifts to us by offering our gifts and our prayers to God.

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 Marlys, 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 507

O God of Light

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

1. *O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,
shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,
and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.*
3. *Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
to sinful hearts your justice and your grace;
and questing spirits, longing for your healing,
see your compassion in the Savior's face.*
4. *To all the world your summons you are sending,
through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,
that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER JONATHAN HOLTMEIER

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