

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOME AGAPE MEAL

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Jesus Lover of My Soul *Tune: Aberystwyth by Joseph Parry
arr. Lyndell Leatherman*

OPENING HYMN Praise my soul, the King of heaven, vv 1, 2, 4 Hymnal 410
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OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
People **And blessed be the Life of God, now and for ever!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And God's Spirit with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

READING Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to

them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people **and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, **that his glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, **and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, **and our land will yield its increase.**
¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, **and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

THE GOSPELMatthew 14:22-33 *The gospels are stories of Jesus' life*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

"Walking on Water"

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

OUR PRAYERS

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially...
 and other blessings we name aloud or in silence...

We pray for the church. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of England, for our diocese, and God's mission at the Christ Churches; and other ministries we name now... [Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, Mariann and Chilton, for Kate and Joan,
 and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President and members of congress, for our country in this election season, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

For the sick and those in need, especially ... And those we name now in silence or aloud.
 Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, praying aloud so we can share each other's prayers:

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for those who have died, especially those whom we name now in silence or aloud... and all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Presider adds a concluding prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Leaning on the everlasting arms, vv 1, 3

LEVAS 196

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we sing:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Jesus, be known to us

In the breaking of the bread.

THE COMMUNION

In this time of contagion, when we are apart, you are welcome to partake at home.

A PRAYER OF THANKS

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN How firm a foundation, vv 1, 2, 3 ,5 Hymnal 637

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People **Thanks be to God!**

THE PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Marion Denniston, Barry Kercher, Joan Shoemaker, Beverly Stone, Garner Burroughs, Stephen Watkins, Andie Corby.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN CHRIST CHURCH? Next Sunday during our 10 am worship, we will offer a Rite of Welcome for New Members, for those who would like to formally affiliate with Christ Church. Please talk to Rev. Kate if you're interested!

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTS Wednesdays at 6:45 pm Online – Each Wednesday night at 6:45 we gather on Zoom for a time of Bible study - the Gospel of Mark, which moves at breakneck speed. Then we break up into small groups, using the breakout function in Zoom, to share prayer concerns and at 8 we'll come back together for Night Prayer. *(If you know who you'd like to be in a small group with, please let Rev. Kate know.)* Who might you invite to join you this week? Click [here](#) to join, pw: LPWay; or call in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

NIGHT PRAYERS AND CHECK IN - Weekday evenings at 8 pm Online - We've been gathering for evening prayers since this Covid-19 social distancing began, and it's been rich and wonderful. So we will continue meeting online each evening to pray and to check in with each other. The format is based on our Compline service but flexible enough that people outside our congregations can wander in and be comfortable. Invite a friend or neighbor or family member - it doesn't matter where they live! There is plenty of room on Zoom. Click here to join by internet. You can also call in: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN Praise my soul, the King of heaven, vv 1, 2, 4 Hymnal 410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

4 Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

OFFERTORY HYMN Leaning on the everlasting arms, vv 1, 3 LEVAS 196

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

CLOSING HYMN How firm a foundation, vv 1, 2, 3, 5

Hymnal 637

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."