

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 18, 2020

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Interlude 12 Colin Mawby (1935-2019)

OPENING HYMN As those of old their first fruits brought (*words on last page*) Hymnal 705

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.

Just as Jesus called his disciples to give, forgive, teach, and heal in his name, empower us by your Spirit to bless everyone we meet, practicing generosity and compassion, and proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ with hopeful words and selfless actions. Equip us to boldly share our stories of blessing and invite others to follow your Way of Love. **Amen**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-5

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and do not forget all God's benefits—**

³ Who forgives all your iniquity, **who heals all your diseases,**

⁴ Who redeems your life from the Pit, **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ Who satisfies you with good as long as you live **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37 *The gospels are stories of Jesus' life*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii,* gave them

to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

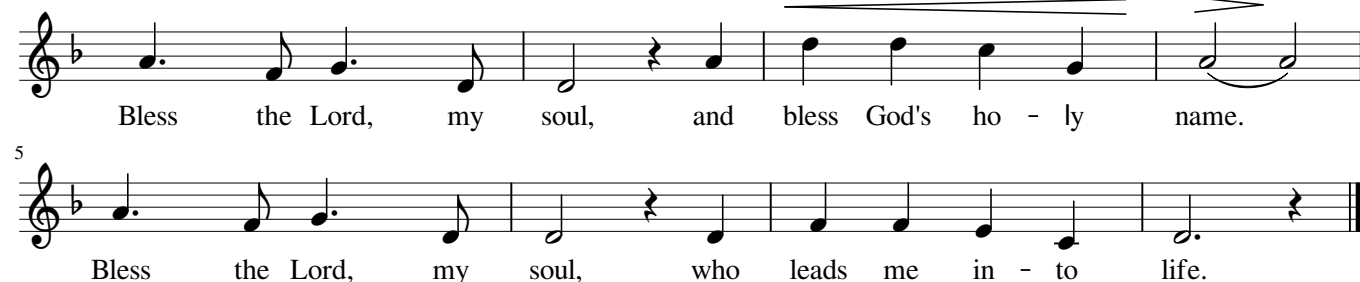
SERMON

The Rev. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Bless the Lord, my soul

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

OUR PRAYERS

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, environmental healing, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops; for Kate and Joan, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and the wider community; especially our nation in this election season; for....

For the sick and those in need, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now in silence or aloud:

Hear us Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life we name now...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those we name now...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins (*silence*)

CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN Lord, make us servants of your peace (*words on last page*)

Hymnal 593

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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.

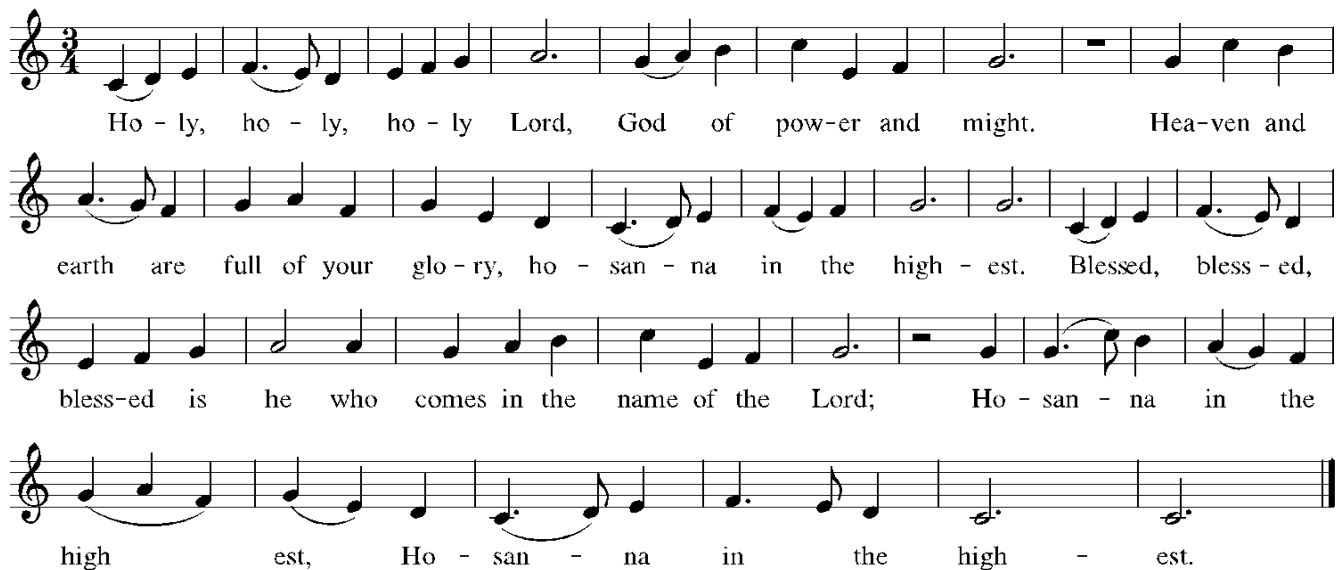
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We were made to give you glory, Eternal Light, Maker of all Life, Source of all Love.

And so we join with all of creation in this song of praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,
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.

Most Holy God, we were made in your image,

to give and receive love in eternal relationship;

to pour ourselves out for each other, and to be renewed in turn.

So we began. But early on we were tempted to doubt the fullness of your love.

Instead of your way, we followed our own.

Our ability to love and be loved became distorted;

your image in us became splintered.

Yet You, the God who is Love, could no more stop loving us than you could stop

Being. You reached across the chasm we could not bridge, and came yourself.

You sent your Son, the image of Love himself, to restore your image in us,

to heal our hearts and make us able to love once more.

He taught, and lived, the Way of Love – inviting us to turn each day to God,

to learn the ways of God, to pray and worship, to bless and rest, and to go,

taking God’s contagious love into the world, to people different from ourselves.

That is the Way of Love Jesus walked, even into death, that we might live.

On that night when our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself away for us, he ate supper with his friends.

He took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

“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 we celebrate this feast, remembering his life among us.
We celebrate this feast to be remembered as his body, the Church,
bearing his life into the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, upon this bread and wine;
make it for us Christ’s body and blood, food for our journey.

Come, Holy Spirit, upon your people, scattered and yet one;
Let Your Church truly be Your body on earth;

Beloved Community as we reflect our belovedness to one another:
Beloved Community as we turn outward to love the world in Christ’s name.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is the Father’s,
now and for ever. *And all the people said: AMEN.*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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

Celebrant Jesus, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.
People **Be known through us as we walk your way of Love.**

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

PRAYER OF THOSE NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

**God who is Love, we thank you for feeding us in this meal, as persons and as a community gathered in Christ. As You have filled us with Your love, let us go from this family table into the world, bearing Your love to the whole human family.
Send us out to speak love, show love, live love. Help us witness to that Love that made us, keeps us and will not let us go; in the name of Love, our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray: Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Come thou fount of every blessing (*words on last page*) Hymnal 686

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, Barb Palko's mother, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Betty and Peanut Bowling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY October 28, 2020, 10 am - 1 pm Loving our Homeless Neighbors

Community Resource Day is an opportunity for those who are homeless, at imminent risk of homelessness, and/or in need of supportive services and resources to receive helpful services and resources. This year, the Resource Day will be held at Regency Furniture Stadium, 11765 St. Linus Drive, Waldorf. A hot meal will be provided through food trucks in the stadium parking lot. However, attendees will need a place to sit, a beverage and a side item or dessert (pre-packaged). Congregations can provide canopies and waiters/waitresses for this pop-up Compassion Cafe.

Volunteers might help attendees carry their food to a table, bring the attendee a beverage and offer a side item and/or dessert item, and create a warm and welcoming environment. When an attendee is done dining, the volunteer will disinfect the table and chairs in preparation for the next person to dine.

- ◆ Masks will be required to be worn at all times by all persons.
- ◆ Temperature checks will be completed for each person.
- ◆ Volunteers will be provided hand sanitizer and wipes to utilize.
- ◆ We will also have latex gloves for all volunteers.

We would love for our church members to volunteer in the Compassion Cafe. If you are interested, sign up to volunteer here. Churches and individuals interested in loaning some tables, chairs, or canopies or in providing water, chips, or individually wrapped desserts can sign up here. And please contact Deacon Joan to let her know you're interested.

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HYMNS

As those of old their first-fruits brought

As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
So we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

3. With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee,
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace, To wake at last in heaven's light.

Come thou fount

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.