

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 1, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King, vv 1,3,5 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 388

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be the Life of God among us!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy God, You are our all in all, the cool water in which we are renewed. You invite us to jump in and find refreshment in you. You call us to swim deeper and deeper into your love, trusting that we can breathe with You. Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray, and let us float, move, splash, play, and be refreshed in your presence. In the name of Him who first dove in and sanctified all waters for us, our Lord Jesus, we pray: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 47:1-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one

thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, ‘Mortal, have you seen this?’

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me, ‘This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.’

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL

John 21:3-7

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

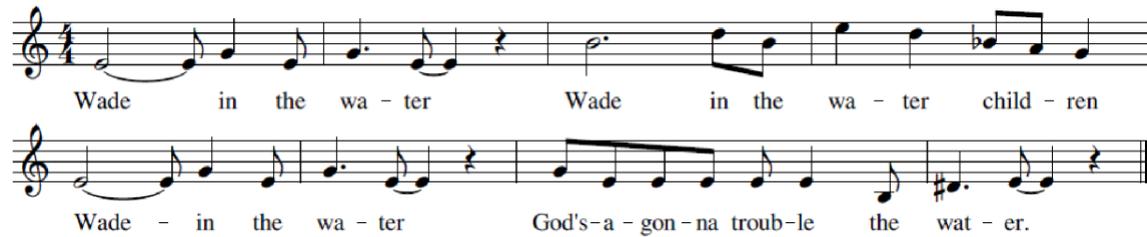
SERMON

“Diving In”

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Wade in the water



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Wade - in the wa - ter God's-a - gon - na troub - le the wat - er.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Heavenly Father, the source of all life, we thank you for the beauty of this earth,
and for all your gifts to us; for...

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially...

And for all other blessings we name now...

Lord of all creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for this world you made, and for which you died and rose to new
life. We ask your blessing upon all people who live in hunger or terror or disease; your
peace in places torn by violence, your hope for those who despair. We pray for:

...and for all other concerns for the world and our country that we name now:

Lord of all creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, who gives gifts of healing to your church, we pray in faith for those who are
sick or in any special need, especially for... and for all other concerns that we name now:

Lord of all creation, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, our beginning and our end, we pray for those who have died and those who
grieve them, especially... and any others whom we name now ...

Lord of all creation, **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

The Celebrant concludes with an assurance of forgiveness

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN Let the River Flow *(words/music on last page)* Darrell Evans, 1995

*As we offer ourselves, and our gifts at the altar, we invite you to
place your gift in the plate at the back of the church, or give online:*

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La Plata: <https://christchurchlaplata.org/donate/>

Or text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts

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.**

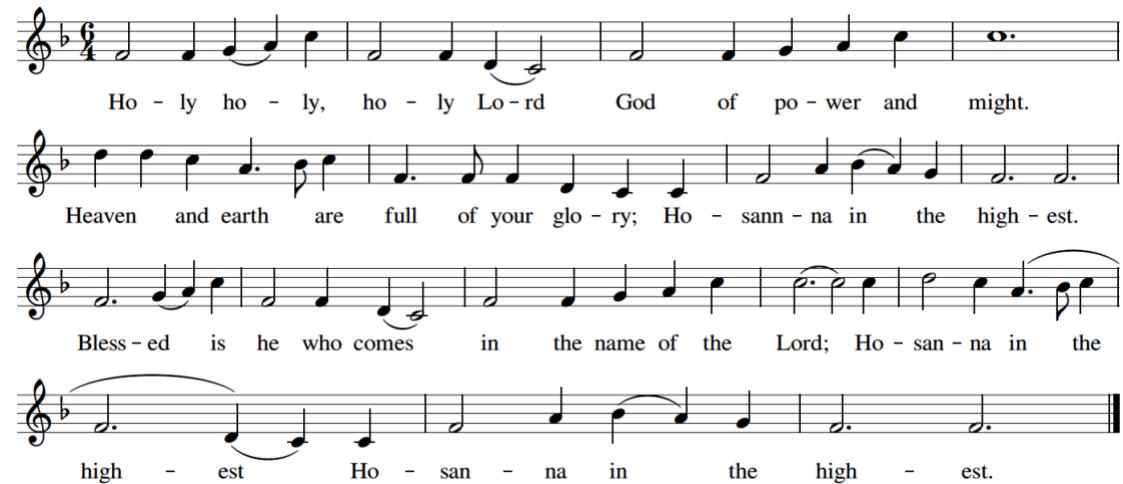
It is right to praise you, Almighty God, source of all that is;

**You are the sea from which we spring, the river flowing through our lives,
the life flowing through our veins.**

You are the love that in which we swim; **the water we breathe.**

And so we raise our voices in harmony with all of creation singing Your praises:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - 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.

Lord God, you made humankind in your image and breathed life into us;

We were so close, we could breathe in your presence, as if under water.

But when we turned away from you to go our own way,
we found we could only breathe the air of this world;

We became fish out of water, out of intimacy with you.

Through prophets and law-givers, you called us back to the sea of Your love;
You delivered your people Israel through the deep waters;

But still we could not swim your deep; still we struggled for air.

And so you sent your own Son, Jesus, the Anointed One,
to be baptized in the Jordan River, and so sanctify all waters for us.

**Jesus, Man and God, who could breathe in air and in water,
healed and restored us to you.**

Jesus made it possible for us to live in your life once more, even in this world;
to breathe in the air and in the water.

**Jesus showed us how to swim in your love through prayer and worship,
even as we live a life out of water.**

Jesus made a way through death into life for us, dying that we might live.

Baptized, we drown with him; baptized, we are raised with him to new life.

On the night when our Lord Jesus was handed over to suffer and die for our freedom, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we come together at this table, remembering Christ’s life, celebrating his resurrection.

We look for his coming again at the end of the ages, when all time will be water time.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, we pray:

That we may eat this holy food and be filled with Christ’s life.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray:

That we might breathe in the water of your Holy presence.

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 yours, heavenly Father’s, now and forever.
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, and forgive us 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, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

See Christ’s body broken for the life of the world:

Be Christ’s body broken for the life of the world.

THE COMMUNION

All present are welcome to the Altar rail for communion (bread only at present).

If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms for a blessing.

Those worshipping at home can partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I can hear your voice

Michael W. Smith, et al.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, thank you for the abundance with which you bless us, with Body and Blood of our Lord; with your Holy Spirit. We thank you for renewing your Life in us; for the reminder, each time we come to this Table, of the Pool by which we were made new creations. As You have refreshed us in your cool, cleansing water, send us out as water-bearers to bring your peace to those who are frenzied, your love to those who are dry, your joy to all in need of a swim! In Christ we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

May God be the water you swim in, the sea you float on, the love you breathe; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with You and remain with You this day and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Glorious things of thee are spoken (*words on the last page*) Hymnal 522

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of the triune God! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

OUR PRAYERS

We Are Grateful For: Our musicians; our altar guilds

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Rudy St Laurent, Bob Clark, Lou Demas, Marianne Wilburn, Duana Page, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Jane Hobbs, Garner Burroughs, Michelle, CeCe Cordell-Carter, Becky Bolton Bridgett

Birthdays: Tiffany Rybarczyk, Dave Chapman

Anniversaries: Russ Goemaere and Danielle Webber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRAB FEAST RETURNS! Saturday, August 14, 1 pm at the home of Paul and Marty Eldredge. Click [here](#) to register or sign up and let us know if/how you'd like to help!

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES – Summer is a good time for playful worship, so this August we'll have a worship series on Summer Pastimes. Next week we look at Travel and then Baseball (8/15) and Picnics (8/22) and see what these pastimes can tell us about the life of faith and joy in God. There's a Facebook event and flyer to share – invite someone to join you for church. Church, like summertime, is meant to be refreshing.

LEARNING HOUR IS BACK! We resume Learning Hour today with a simple program for children, and for adults *Swimming In Scripture* - a time of reflection on a passage of Scripture using the ancient meditative format called *lectio divina* (divine reading).

ONLINE GIVING –

Waysde: Go to https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_72387a78 and follow the prompts.
La Plata: You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

GIVING FUND – Times are hard for many – just this week both churches had requests to pay utility bills. Please consider making a dedicated donation to the Giving Fund, from which Rev. Kate and Deacon Joan can offer help. Our policy is to help once, as we are able, and deal with repeat requests on a case-by-case basis. You can write a check or give online at the donate page on our website, www.christchurchlaplata.org, or text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts, designating Giving Fund. You now have the option to make pledge offerings or donations online, or by text.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

Hymnal 388

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CLOSING HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the river flow

Darrell Evans, 1995

Verse

Let the poor one say "I am rich in him," Let the lost one say "I am found in Him," and let the riv - er flow; Let the blind one say "I can see a-gain" Let the dead one say "I am born a-gain," and let the riv - er flow; Let the ri - ver flow.

Chorus

Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv-er flow; Ho - ly Spi-rit come, move in power. Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv - er flow; Ho - ly Spi-rit come, move in po wer; Let the ri-ver flow, let the ri - ver flow, let the ri - ver flow