



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus of Nazareth's saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Prelude

Suite for Clockwork Organ: *Allegro, Allegretto, Minuet, Allegro moderato*

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God – Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

silence for reflection

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

(sung in unison)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

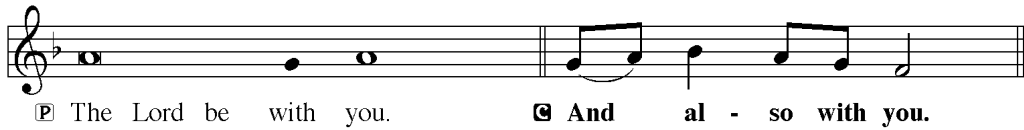
1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
 2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reception of New Members

First Lesson - Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 8

(sung in unison)

The psalmist glorifies the name of the Lord, sovereign of the earth and the magnificent heavens, who has made human life to have mastery over all earthly creatures.

¹**O | LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in | all the world!**
²**Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children
your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.**
³**You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.**
⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,**
⁵**what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,
the son of man that you should | seek him out?**
⁶**You have made him but little lower | than the angels;
you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;**
⁷**you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;
you put all things un- | der his feet:**

⁸all | sheep and oxen,
 even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁹the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
 and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.
¹⁰O | LORD our Lord,
 how exalted is your name in | all the world!

Second Lesson - Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus of Nazareth, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

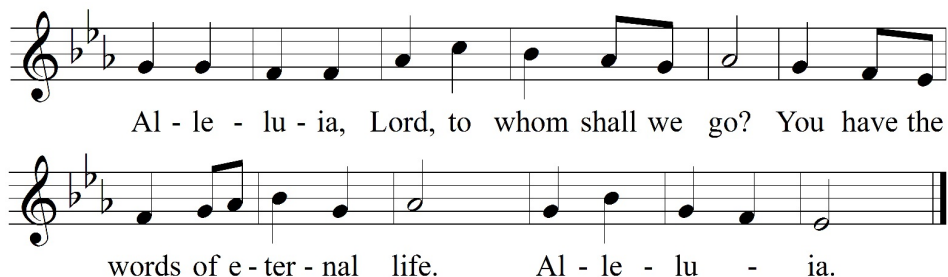
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



Jesus of Nazareth announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

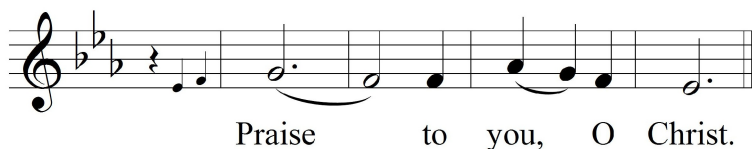


¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”



¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

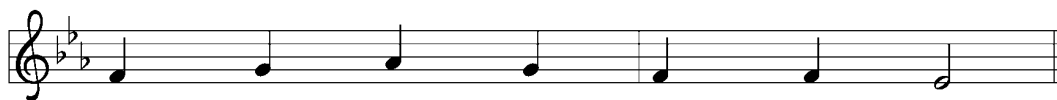
God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the Church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the Church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of all that you have made. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, especially those impacted by natural disasters and warfare. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of resurrection, you prepare a place for us in your kingdom through our Lord's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have entered into your nearer presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Sing Praise to God, Our Strength of Old

Franz Joseph Haydn

*Sing praise to God, our strength of old, and ages count on ages roll'd,
with lasting joy thy servant's eyes shall see his children's children rise.*

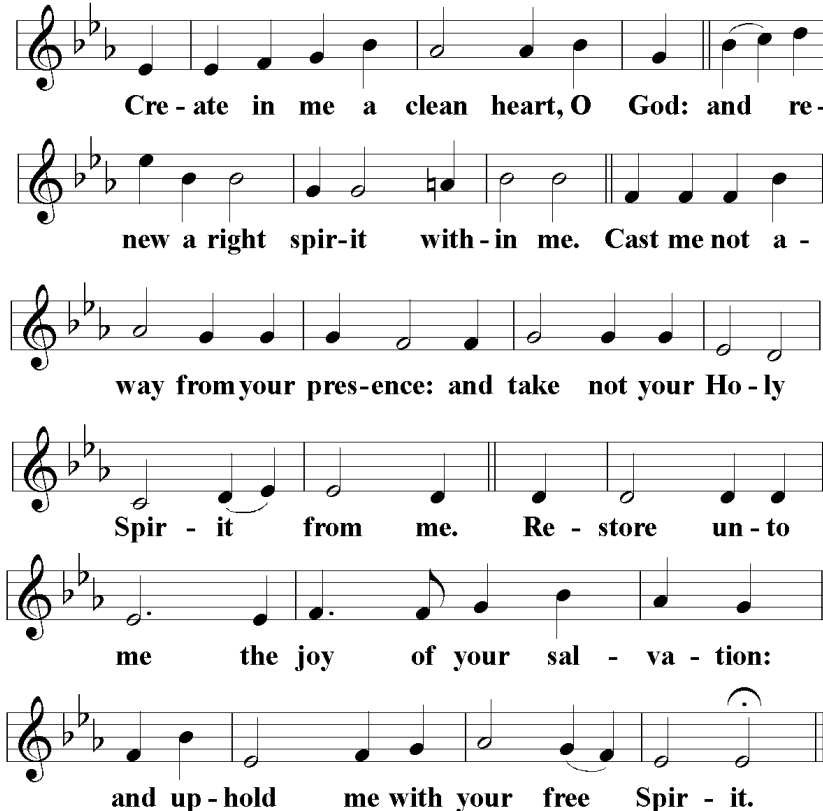
*Safe in thy presence let us stand, and share the blessings of thy hand;
our dwelling let thy truth defend, thy mercy on our steps attend.*

*So shall thy love awake our song, thy name the willing note prolong,
while warm'd with zeal, our vows we pay, and bless thee to our latest day.*

(Psalm 61:6-8, metrical version by James Merrick, alt.)

Offertory

Unison



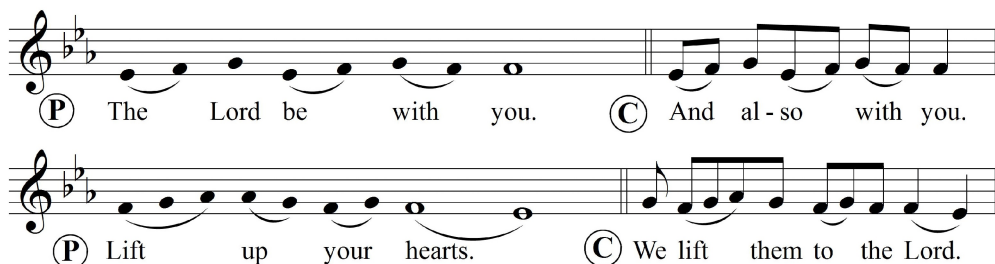
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence: and take not your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion:
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider,

**C: you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these
your gifts which we receive from your bounty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving



(P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al - so with you.
(P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord.

(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface and Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. —

— Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. —

— Heav-en and earth are full, — full —

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who

comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

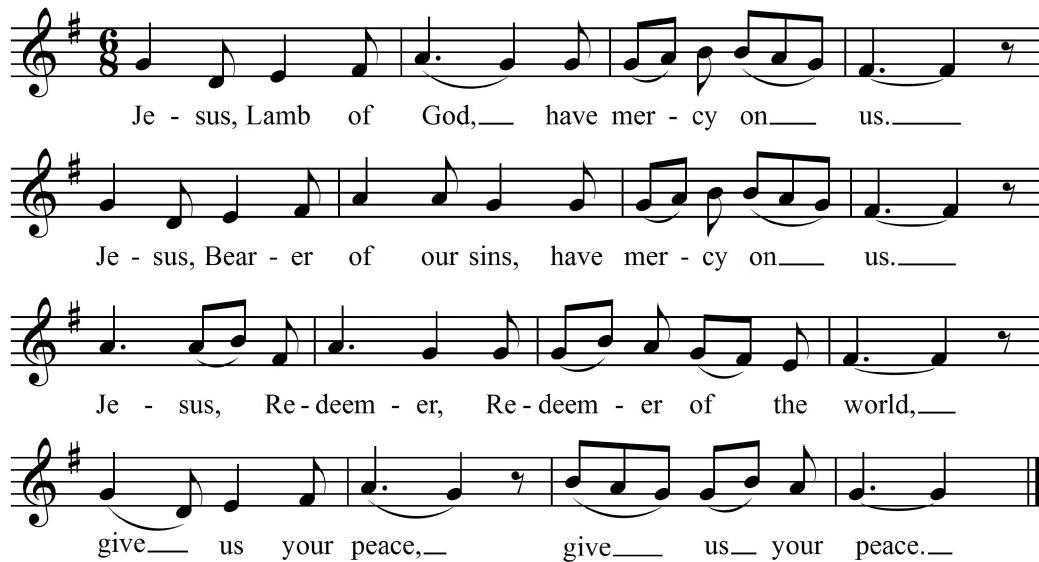
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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**

Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

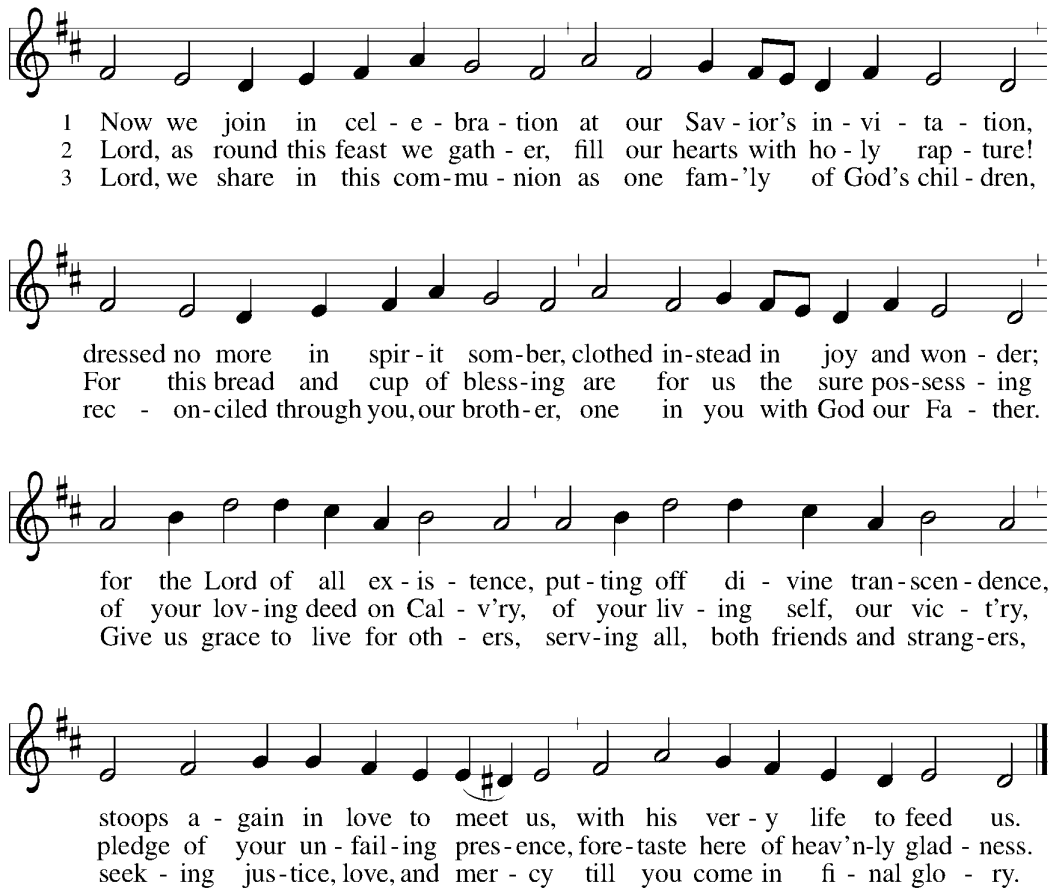
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymns

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

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Post -Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Hymn



Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al-tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;



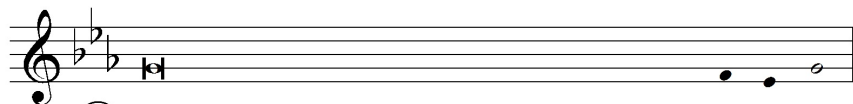
but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Benediction



(P) Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for-ever.



(C) A-men, A-men, A - men, A-men, A - men. _____

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

March

Franz Joseph Haydn



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Wilma and Les Beebe in honor of all their families;
and,
the Paulson Family in memory of "Jake" Arnold Paulson on the first anniversary of his death.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Tamara Colagreco
in honor of her granddaughter Anya's fifth birthday tomorrow.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY		
Sunday, October 6	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	12:00 p.m.	Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)
	4:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest (Garman Home)
Monday, October 7	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study (Youth House)
	7:00 p.m.	Connecting with God - <i>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
Tuesday, October 8	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>The Book of Ruth</i>
	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, October 9	10:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing Group
	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 10	11:00 a.m.	Discussion Group - <i>Everywhere Is Jerusalem</i>
Friday, October 11	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - <i>American Nations</i>
Saturday, October 12	5:00 p.m.	All Youth (grades three - twelve) - Flashlight Maze at Yoder's Farm
Sunday, October 13	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)

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