

October 11th, 2020
19th Sunday After Pentecost

(Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. The hymns are at the end. In preparation for Communion, place whatever food and drink you are using for the elements near your worship space. After the Lord's Prayer and Invitation to Communion, I'll invite you to serve yourself or each other using the following words: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.)




PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
~ Wayne Wold

WELCOME

Now the Feast and Celebration


Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion




sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*




2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of peace, you show us what it means to be in community with one another. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Could Never Promise You

~Don Francisco

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(ELW 656)

PRAYERS

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, creation waits with eager longing for redemption. Help us to join you in protecting your creatures that we have mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains, pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of all who navigate conflict, including diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, especially those who are facing COVID-19. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

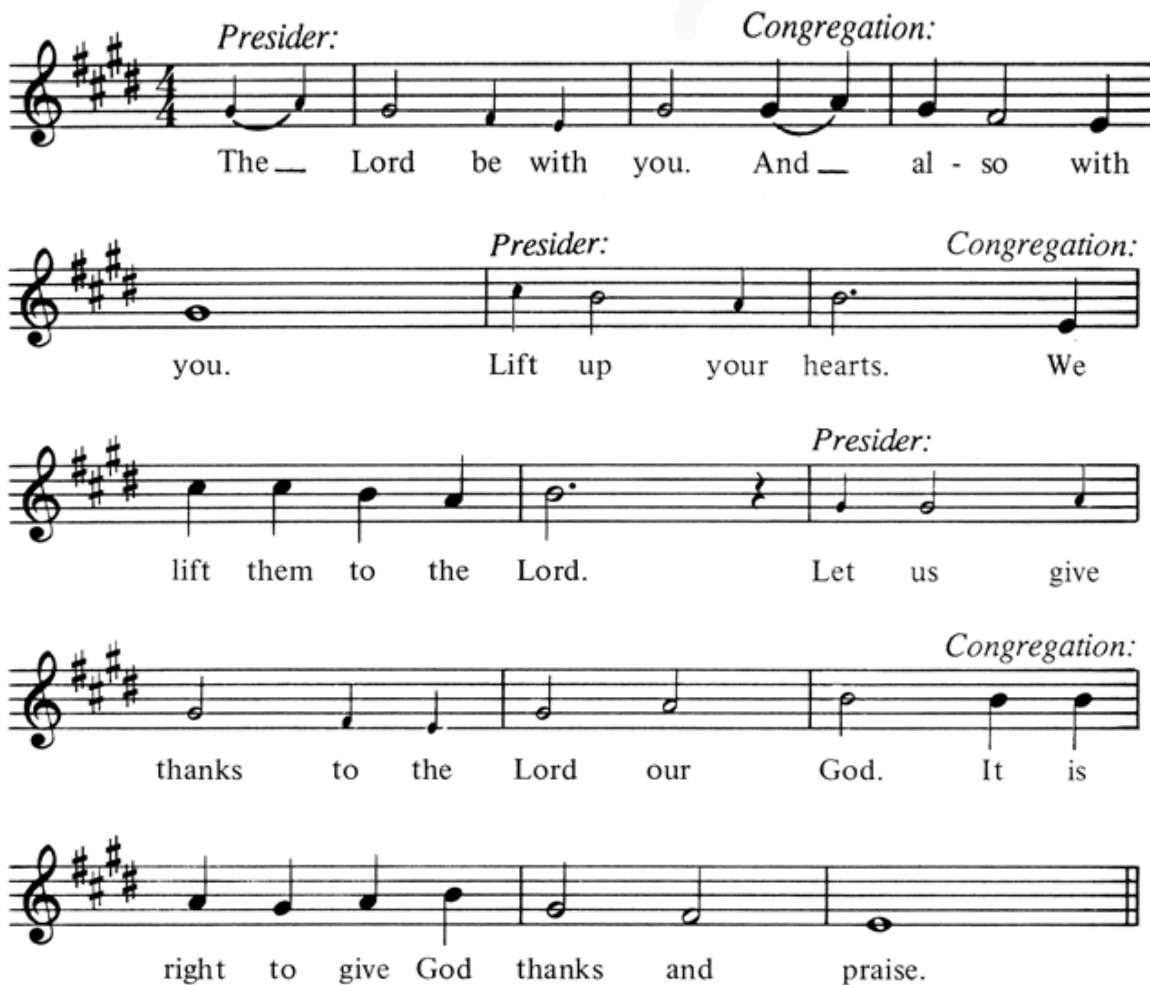
Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearances, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing, food, and shelter in this community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We now lift up our other prayers and requests to you, O God. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION



Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

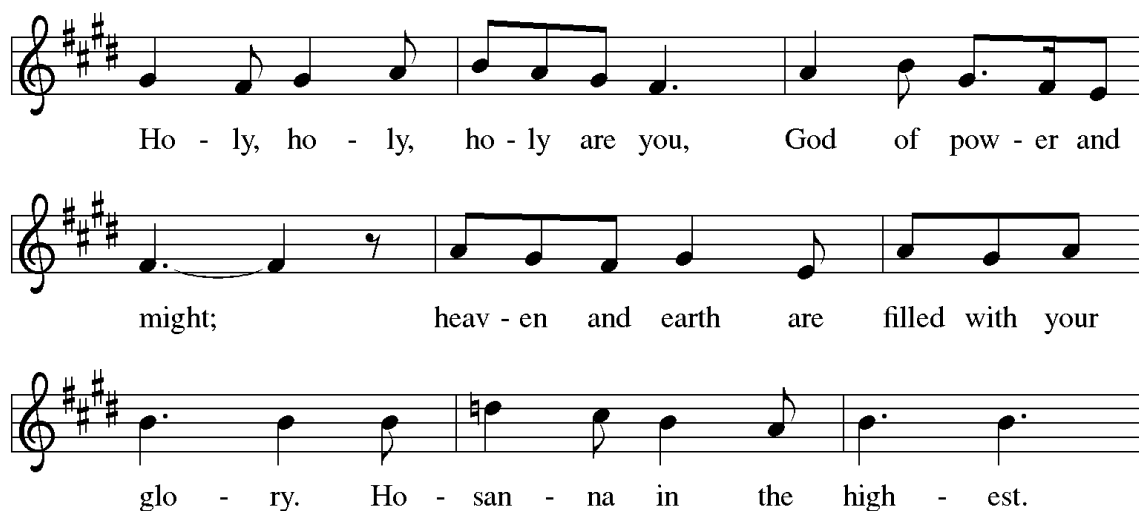
lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PRELUDE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

In thanksgiving for this great gift, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table of our Lord and all are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(ELW 588)

BLESSING

This week, may the love of God strengthen and support you, may Jesus' call to justice and truth inspire you, and may the fire of the Holy Spirit move you to live out the Gospel in this ever-changing world. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

~John Carter

Remember in Prayer

Carolyn Bauder, Leslie Bjornbak, Denise Blake (daughter of Billie Scott-Totress), Donna Burlingame, Kathy Cantrell (mother of Heather McBride), Gloria Churchill, David Crane (nephew of Carolyn Bauder & Judy Koppermann), Lauren Card (Nola Baird's granddaughter), Willard Grabofsky, Melissa (former daughter-in-law of Mary & Brian Hamilton), Elaine Herbison, Marilyn Kalstad, Zair Khademian (uncle of Noah Kerr), Valerie McCormick (grandmother of Charlotte Trent), Lorinne McKeeman (Marilyn Kalstad's sister), Stephanie Olsen, Linda Omar (friend of Nanci Strickland), James Petersen (son of Ruth Nyegaard), David Peterson (nephew of Elaine Herbison), Jeanette Rydbrink, David Schmitz (son of Larry & Donna), Lisa Teigland (family friend of Mitzi Shirk), Larry Torres (husband of Billie Scott-Totress), Bruce Vogel (friend of the Stricklands).
~Homebound: Marge Churchill

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.