

November 15th, 2020  
*24th 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**

*Variations on "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*  
~ David N. Johnson

**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, you created the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through your son, Jesus.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth  
were born, from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly  
and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
~Ken Medema

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping

where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN**

*Baptized and Set Free*

(ELW 453)

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the outpouring of God’s love on the church, the world, and all in need.

God, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and inspire us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature, especially the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers and the Cascade Mountains. Bless the earth and restore it where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

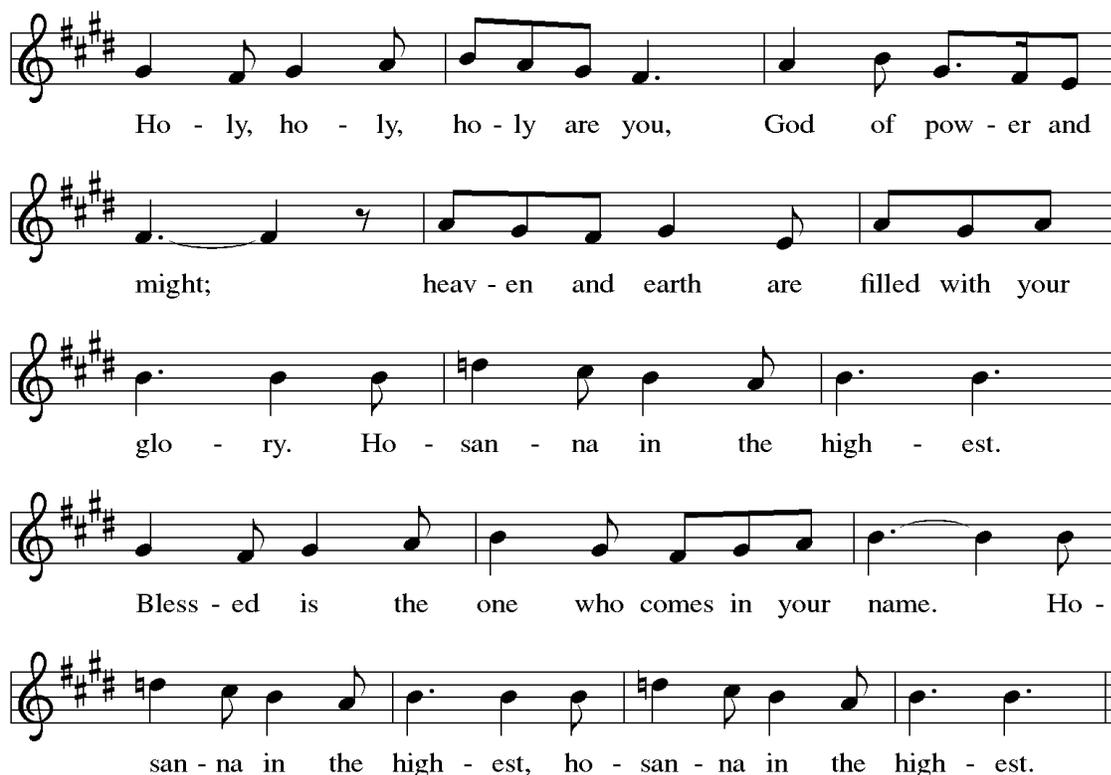
**Your mercy is great.**

God, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable. Bring clarity to our country in this time of waiting and unrest. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



## 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

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(ELW 834)

## 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

*Built on the Rock*

~Robert Hobby

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## Prayer List

Carolyn Bauder, Leslie Bjornbak, Denise Blake (daughter of Billie Scott-Totress), Kathy Cantrell (mother of Heather McBride), David Crane (nephew of Carolyn Bauder & Judy Koppermann), Kirsten (daughter of Dave and Diane Paulson), 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), Marty Knight, Vern Laks (Susan Harlow's Sister), Valerie McCormick (grandmother of Charlotte Trent), Lorinne McKeeman (Marilyn Kalstad's sister), Linda Omar (friend of Nanci Strickland), Kate (Friend of Diane Paulson), Josh Peterson (Noah Kerr's Friend), James Petersen (son of Ruth Nyegaard), David Peterson (nephew of Elaine Herbison), David Schmitz (son of Larry & Donna), Lisa Teigland (family friend of Mitzi Shirk), Mike & Sidsel Tompkins, Larry Torres (husband of Billie Scott-Totress), Bruce Vogel (friend of the Stricklands)

~Homebound: Marge Churchill



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## Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!