

**20TH WEEK OF PENTECOST**  
**OCT. 10-11, 2026**  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND**

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**PASSING OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"Lead Me Lord"**

Lead me Lord, / lead me in thy righteousness; /  
make thy way plain ( / ) before my face.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
- C** Amen.
- P** Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,
- C** we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P** Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
- C** Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

- 1**    There's a wideness in God's\_ mercy,/  
like the wideness of the\_ sea;/  
there's a kindness in his\_ justice/  
which is more than liber - ty.  
\*There is no place where earth's\_ sorrows/  
are more felt than up in\_ heav'n./  
There is no place where earth's\_ failings/  
have such kindly judgment\_ giv'n.
- 3**    For the love of God is\_ broader/  
than the measures of our\_ mind;/  
and the heart of the e - ternal/  
is most wonderfully\_ kind.  
\*There is plentiful re - demption/  
in the blood that has been\_ shed;/  
there is joy for all the\_ members/  
in the sorrows of the\_ head.

## 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.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**"Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"**

Come, let us join our cheerful songs/  
with angels round the throne;/  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,/  
but all their joys are one.  
\*Jesus is worthy to receive/honor and pow'r divine;/  
And blessings, more than we can give,/  
be, Lord, forever thine.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray together. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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## ANTHEM

### LESSON OF THE DAY

**Philippians 4:1-9**

#### **The lesson begins:**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al – le - luia! / Lord to whom shall we go? / Al – le – luia.

\*You have\_ the words / of\_ eternal life. /

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – luia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

**P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.**

**G Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**G Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## SERMON

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## **SERMON RESPONSE      “O God, Who Gives Us Life”**

O\_ God, who gives / us\_ life and breath, /  
who shapes us in\_ the womb,  
\*who\_ guards our lives / from birth to death, /  
then\_ leads\_ us from the tomb:  
\*deliver us from fears that kill / the life we have from you. /  
Help us to know your\_ Spirit, /  
still is\_ mak – ing all things new.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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.

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- P** In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the world, the Church, and one another.

*A brief silence.*

- P** Father, you promise to throw a splendid wedding feast for all whom you redeem through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes we act like it's no big deal. Sometimes we look forward to the entertainment, so to speak, more than being joined to our heavenly Bridegroom. Thank you for your

patience and kindness. Open our eyes and hearts to the joy you have set before us. Keep us always centered in Jesus, our Savior and our true love. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P You have made the Church the bride of your beloved Son. Make it radiant with faithfulness and lovely with holiness. Adorn its words and deeds with grace so that many people hear your invitation and gladly come to the banquet of salvation. Lord in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P Bless the people and ministries of this congregation. Help us to rejoice in your strong saving love and to speak gently and act with humility. Focus our minds and hearts on those things which are good, honorable, and pleasing to you. Help us encourage our family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Lord in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P We remember before you all who walk through the valley death's dark shadows, and all who are troubled by sorrow, anxiety, or despair. Today we also pray for: (*list...*). Teach them the truth of Paul's words, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Revive their souls, re-store their bodies, and refresh the hearts of all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P Direct the thoughts, words and actions of our military personnel, police, first responders, and all who risk their lives to bring safety and justice to others. Prosper all they do that serves your will. Bring healing to the wounded, hope to their families, and honor to all who have honorably served. Lord in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**P For Jesus' sake, grant the fulfillment of all we ask that conforms to your holy will.**

**C Amen.**

## OFFERING

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### OFFERTORY

**“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,/  
and\_ fill to the brim our cup of blessing./  
Gather a harvest(/)from the seeds that were sown,/  
that we may be fed(/)with the bread of life.  
\*Gather the hopes(/)and the dreams\_ of all;/  
unite them with the prayers we offer./  
Grace our table with your presence,/  
and give us a foretaste(/)of the feast to come.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also 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.
- P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Holy Ho - ly Holy, Lord\_,/God of power and might\_,/  
Heav'n and earth\_(/)are full of Your glory,/  
Hosannah in\_ the highest.  
\*Blessed\_ is He who comes\_//in the name of the Lord,/  
Hosannah in\_ the highest\_,/Hosannah in\_ the highest!

**P** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with

the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

☞ As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(Spoken)*

☞ 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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**COMMUNION** is given and received.

*(w/ Lamb of God & optional extra hymn included)*

**(During Distribution)**

**"Lamb of God"**

- 1 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/  
\*You suffered death\_/our lives to save\_:/  
have mercy now\_, we pray.
- 2 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/  
\*You set us free\_/from guilt and grave\_:/  
have mercy now\_, we pray.
- 3 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/  
\*Eternal peace\_/with God you made\_:/  
Give us your peace\_, we pray.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

### "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

- 1** Sent forth by God's\_ blessing,/ our true faith\_ con - fessing,/ the people\_ of\_ God/ from this dwelling take leave.  
\*The supper is\_ ended./ Oh, now be\_ ex - tended/ the fruits of\_ this\_ service/ in all who believe.  
\*The\_ seed of\_ Christ's\_ teaching,/ receptive\_ souls\_ reaching,/ shall blossom\_ in\_ action/ for God and for all.  
\*Your grace shall in - cite us,/ your love shall\_ u - nite us/ to work for\_ your\_ kingdom/ and answer your call.
- 2** With praise and thanks - giving/ to God e - ver - living,/ the tasks of\_ our\_ ev'ryday life/ we will face  
\*our faith ever\_ sharing,/ in love e - ver\_ caring,/ embracing\_ God's\_ children,/ the whole human race.  
\*With\_ your feast\_ you\_ feed us,/ with your light\_ now\_ lead us;/ unite us\_ as\_ one/ in this life that we share.  
\*Then may all the\_ living/ with praise and\_ thanks - giving/ give honor\_ to\_ Christ/ and his name that we bear.

## DISMISSAL

- A** Let us go forth, to know Christ and to make Christ known,  
**C** Caring for our members and supporting our community.  
Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

# Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.