



Sunday, August 16, 2026

Welcome & Opening Declaration

We have gathered in the name of Jesus Christ.

We have set aside this time to worship God together.

We have come to confess that Jesus is Lord.

We are here to tend to God's presence in and among us.

We praise and adore the living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-4

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1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Habakkuk 2:1-4

2 I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Luke 17:5-10

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5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Leader: The Word of the LORD

All: Thanks be to God

SING TOGETHER

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Blessing of the Children

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 137

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- 1 By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down, and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
- 2 On the willows there
we hung up our harps.
- 3 For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
- 4 How could we sing the Lord’s song
in a foreign land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
- 6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem’s fall,
how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down!
Down to its foundations!”
- 8 O daughter Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back
what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock!

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HOMILY

TIME OF RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We 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 to the dead. 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.
We 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gracious God, God of justice, some of us have come weeping,
weeping for the homes we have left,
weeping for the end of hopes and dreams,
weeping for the lives lost,
weeping for all the horrors we have seen and experienced,
weeping for all the suffering we have endured. And You, in Your grace, invite us
to name and submit all of this to You. Grant us the courage to do this and gift
us with a reordering of our desires so that instead of holding bitterness, we
place the wrongs done against us into Your righteous hands. Sort our wants;
Heal our hearts; deliver us from becoming like those who hurt us, and
transform us into instruments of Your peace. **Amen.**

Gracious Son, who alone prays these words of imprecation as fully God and completely human. And in the glorious mystery of this reality, you take on both perfect understanding of our pain, our loss, our confusion, and bring divine healing through the extravagant love displayed on the cross. Keep our hearts anchored to your promises. Let us never trade our eternal citizenship in the kingdom for the temporary comforts of human vengeance. May we, like you, keep our hands and tongues devoted to your truth, making your presence our highest treasure. We ask this of you, Jesus, our friend and our king; now and forever. **Amen.**

Gracious Spirit, of justice and memory, stir our remembering of your promise that one day you will set the world right and restore peace. That you, God, will not forget the evil that has been done, hold all those accountable for the atrocities committed. Let us release our anger and desire for retribution to you. Heal us so that we do not in turn oppress others. Spirit of justice and memory, send your conviction upon any of us here who in small or significant ways are oppressing others. Bring us to repentance, humble us as we experience the punishment we deserve, help us set to right the wrongs we have done, and transform us so that we work for justice and peace. Spirit of justice and memory, keep the works of Jesus ever before us, that we might remember to be in Him and Him in us, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Officiant: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In sharing this meal together, we share in the mystery of our faith...

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

SING TOGETHER

BENEDICTION

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