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**Worship**  
**Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost**  
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## **GATHERING**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Preparation for Worship**

### **Call to Worship**

P Let the words our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P The ways that God desires for us to speak with one another and to live together is good for our spirit.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P Direct us and guide us, O Lord, to live according to your word.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P To live in the ways and walk in the paths of your desire, O Lord, rejoices the heart.

**C You, O God, are our rock and our redeemer.**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

### **Gathering Hymn – “Gather Us In” (Haugen)**

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Greeting**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** As a community of faith we ask you Lord to be with us in this hour of worship.

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**Hymn of Praise - "Glory to God" (Bolduc)**

**Refrain**

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.**

**We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

**Refrain**

**Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Refrain**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us Pray

**C** **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

# THE WORD

*You may be seated*

## **First Reading – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so, the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 90 – “Fill Us With Your Love O Lord” (Hillebrand)**

**Fill us Lord, with our love, and we will sing for joy!**

## **Second Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation – Halle, Halle, Hallejuah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

## **Gospel reading – Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

P The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “Seek Ye First” (Lafferty)**

**Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God and his righteousness  
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and you shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

**P** Called together by the Holy Spirit let us confess our faith.

**C** **We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other ... This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus who loved all people, friends and enemies alike. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace ... This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true ... This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We are the Church sent to be God's love in the world ... This is our calling. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*You may be seated*

**Offering – “Come and Follow Me” (Franzak)**

Choir

**Offertory – “Make Me a Servant”**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.**

**Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.**

**And may the prayer of my heart always be;**

**Make me a servant, make me a servant,**

**Make me a servant today.**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **God of all blessing, Lord of all life, all that is good comes from you and we have been gifted by your generosity, In response to what we've received, we give back a portion as an offering of thanksgiving. We call upon your Spirit to guide us in using these offerings wisely and compassionately for the revealing of your Kingdom among us. AMEN.**

## **THE MEAL**

### **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 God our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

P You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P 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.

P 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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Invitation**

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

C **We gather as the body of Christ to be fed with spiritual food.**

*You may be seated*

**Communion Music - "Here At This Table" (Whitaker)  
"Follow Me" (Rose)**

Choir  
Erin

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

## **Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray:

C **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

# **SENDING**

## **Benediction**

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

**Closing Hymn – “God Has Chosen Me” (Farrell)**

**God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light:  
God has chosen me, chosen me.**

***(Refrain)***

***And to tell the world that God’s kingdom is near, to remove oppression and  
Break down fear, yes, God’s time is near, God’s time is near, God’s time is near.***

**God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set a light a new fire.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:  
God has chosen me, chosen me.**

***(Refrain)***

**God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.  
God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice:  
God is calling me, calling me.**

***(Refrain)***

**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C** We go with Jesus by our side. Thanks be to God!