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*Worship*  
*Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost*  
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## GATHERING

### Greeting and Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

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.**

### GATHERING HYMN – *“God, Whose Almighty Word”*

- 1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
- 2 Lord, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

## **GREETING**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P As a community of faith we seek the presence of God in this hour of worship.

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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure and whose love is endless.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God our comforter:

**C like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God, listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad heart the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C Amen**

**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** Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek you face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## **THE WORD**

*You may be seated*

#### **First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9**

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 126 – "The Lord Has Done Great Things" (Manalo)**

***The Lord has done great things for us;  
We are filled with joy.***

## **Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28**

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

## **Gospel reading – Mark 10:46-52**

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

P The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY – “We Walk by Faith” (Haugen)**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice,  
And cry 'My Lord and God!'
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

**AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

P We affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A Brief silence*

P Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness. We pray especially for our loved ones in need of healing; Evie, River, Ethel, Karen, Leslie, Michael, Melissa, Sondra, Elmer, Alec, Sonia and Bernie. And the family of Trudi Nelson who joined the Church Triumphant this week.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, Communion Assistants, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee workers and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, musicians, builders, caretakers, and all who serve with generous hearts.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P What else or who else would we like to lift up to God this day?

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands, through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**C Amen**

P Lord, we give you what is already yours. You provide so much for us. Thank you for giving us the ability to give and the cheerful hearts to do it.

*You may be seated*

**OFFERING HYMN – “Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)**

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.**

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray:

**C God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 HYMNS** – *“Healer of Our Every Ill” (Haugen)*  
*“The Jesus Song” (Booth)*

Choir  
Erin/Kristan

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## **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 – “Rain Down” (Cortez)**

Refrain

Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.

2. We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,  
all of our hope lies in you.

### **Dismissal**

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

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