

## *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 6, 2020*

**Today's Theme for Worship:** God is faithful to his promises. By his grace, we believe and confess what he has revealed about our salvation.

### **Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament**

#### **Opening Hymn: 226 vv. 1-3, 7 To Your Temple I Draw Near**

1 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.

2 I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.

3 While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

7 From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

### **Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament**

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

#### **Confession of Sins**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts.  
Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

#### **Lord, Have Mercy**

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **♩ Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: 🎵 Christ, have mer-cy.**

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: 🎵 Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: 🎵 A-men.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### **🎵 O Lord, Our Lord**

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.  
Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father,  
you crown our life with your love.

You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;  
you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.  
You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,  
you came to live with us;  
you made your Fa-ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us Pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 🎵 A-men.**

### **First Lesson: Exodus 6:2-8**

*When Moses questioned God's wisdom and complain, God answered Moses with loving reassurance. Even though Moses and Israel didn't realize it, God was hearing Israel's cries and remembering his promises.*

<sup>2</sup>Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. <sup>4</sup>I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. <sup>5</sup>I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

<sup>6</sup>“Therefore tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

## **Psalm 34**

### ***Refrain***

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

### ***Refrain***

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Refrain***

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

*Peter could confess that Jesus was the Christ because God revealed it to him. This is also true about our knowledge of Christ.*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup>They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## **Hymn of the Day: 536 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation.  
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.  
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

2 O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word  
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.

3 Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure and lowly.  
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.  
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.  
Oh, make us faithful Christians.

4 And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure.  
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.  
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and glory.

## Sermon: Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments  
and how untraceable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his adviser?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has first given to God  
that he will be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering Prayer

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## Prayer of the Church

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: 🎵 And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: 🎵 We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 🎵 It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## **🎵 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

## **Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♩ A-men.**

**♩ O Christ, Lamb Of God**

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us.

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have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.  
A-men.

**Distribution Hymn: 445 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit**

1 Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God;  
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

2 There's nothing that can sever Me from the love of God,  
No want, no pain whatever, No famine, danger, sword.  
Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark his sheep,  
They never shall confound me-the vict'ry I shall keep!

3 Yes, neither life's temptation Nor death's so trying hour,  
Nor angels of high station, Nor any other pow'r,  
Nor things that now are present, Nor things that are to come,  
Nor height, however pleasant, nor depth of deepest gloom,

4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God  
This child of heaven sever, For in my Savior's blood  
This love has its foundation-God hears my faithful prayer-  
And as his new creation Keeps me his child and heir.

## Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
And proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth  
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## Prayer

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: A-men.**

## Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 420 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.

2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence He has a smiling face.

3 Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.

4 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessing on your head.

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800, abr., alt.