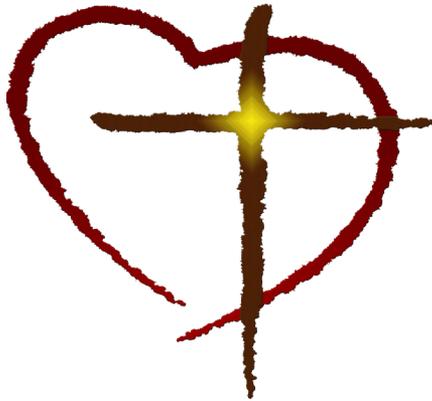


September 12, 2021

*The Sixteenth Sunday after
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THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

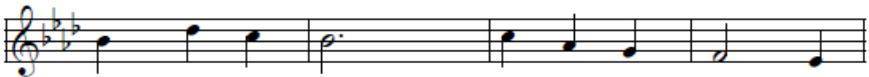
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



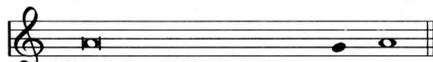
shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



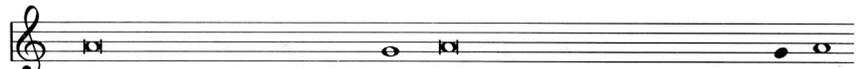
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



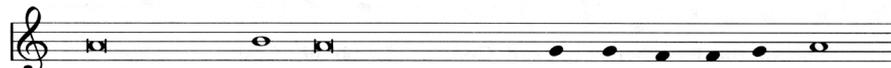
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



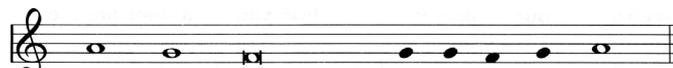
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men

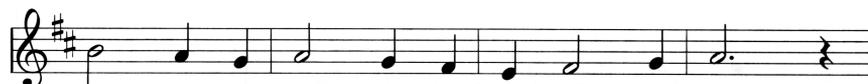
THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TEMPLE TALK: *Stewardship through Outreach*

Andrew King

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

THE PSALM *Psalm 116:1-8*

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.

² **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

³ Then I called
upon the name of the LORD;
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁴ **Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.**

⁵ The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low,
and he helped me.

⁶ **Turn again to your rest, O my soul
for the LORD has treated you well.**

⁷ For you have rescued
my life from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling.

⁸ **I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2** For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. **3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. **4** Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. **5** So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, **8** but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. **10** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? **12** Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

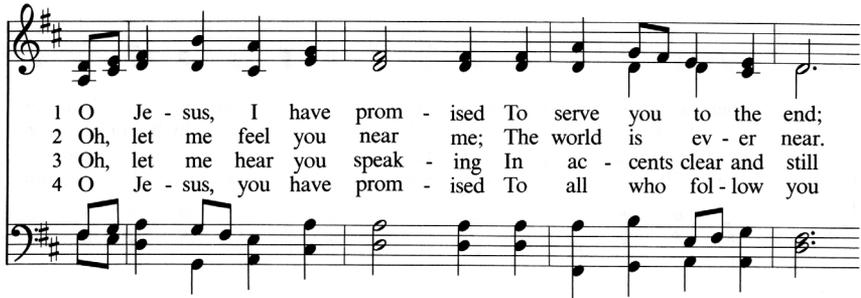
³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



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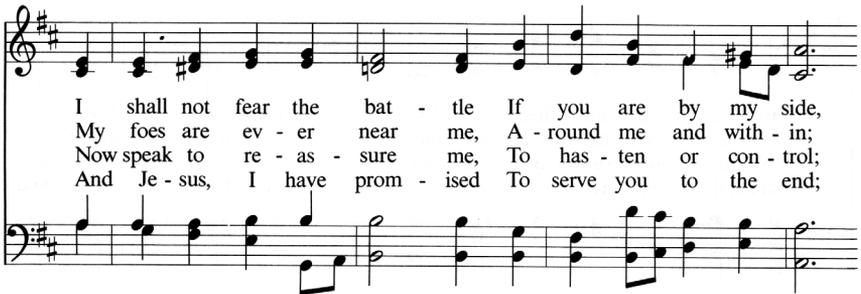
O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised To all who fol - low you



Re - main for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 That where you are in glo - ry Your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle If you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If you will be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, then draw near - er To shield my soul from sin.
 Now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 Oh, give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my friend.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and
 dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread;

**Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

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

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "O Bread of Life from Heaven" vs 1,2

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O Bread of Life from Heaven

1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil-grims giv -
 2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, In all your hid - den splen -

en, O Man - na from a - bove: Feed with the bless - ed sweet -
 ing From Je - sus' wound-ed side: Come now, your love be - stow -
 ed. With - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -

ness Of your di - vine com-plete - ness The souls that want and need your love.
 ing On thirst-ing souls, and flow - ing Till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 en, And our clear eye in heav - en Be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE