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15th Sunday after Pentecost

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C), providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written in three numbered lines, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff shows the continuation of the hymn's melody, and the bass staff provides the harmonic support. The lyrics are written in three lines, describing the beauty of nature and the power of God.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows the continuation of the hymn's melody, and the bass staff provides the harmonic support. The lyrics are written in three lines, expressing the singer's faith and trust in God.

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff shows the final notes of the melody, and the bass staff provides the final harmonic support. The lyrics are written in three lines, praising God's sovereignty and the beauty of His creation.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

Guide our hearts to trust in you. May we journey in ways that are wise to your love, that cultivate nurturing relationships, and that bring about your will. In your Holy Wisdom we pray.

Amen.

WORD

READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

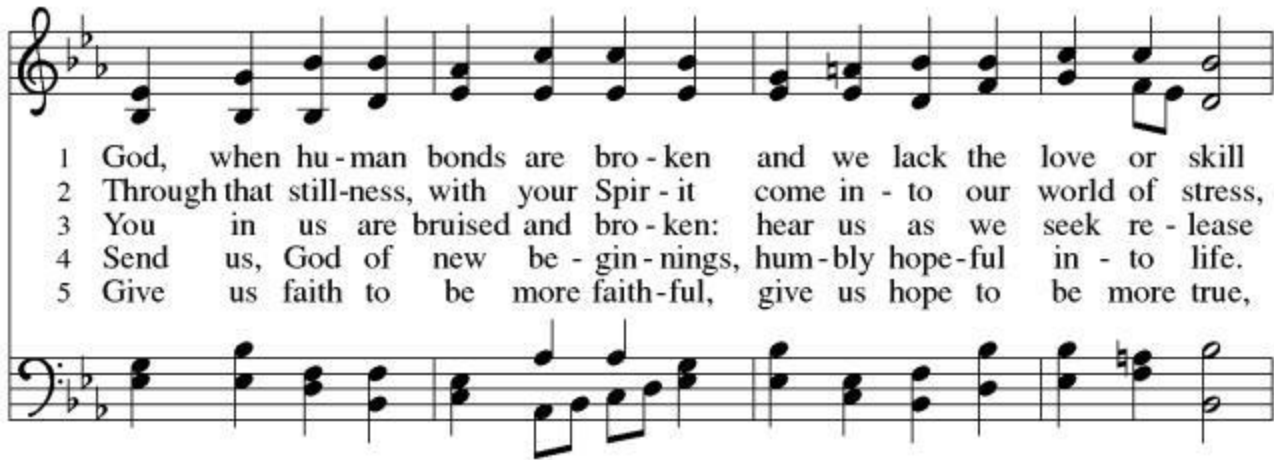
¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

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QUILTING BLESSING

CREED

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

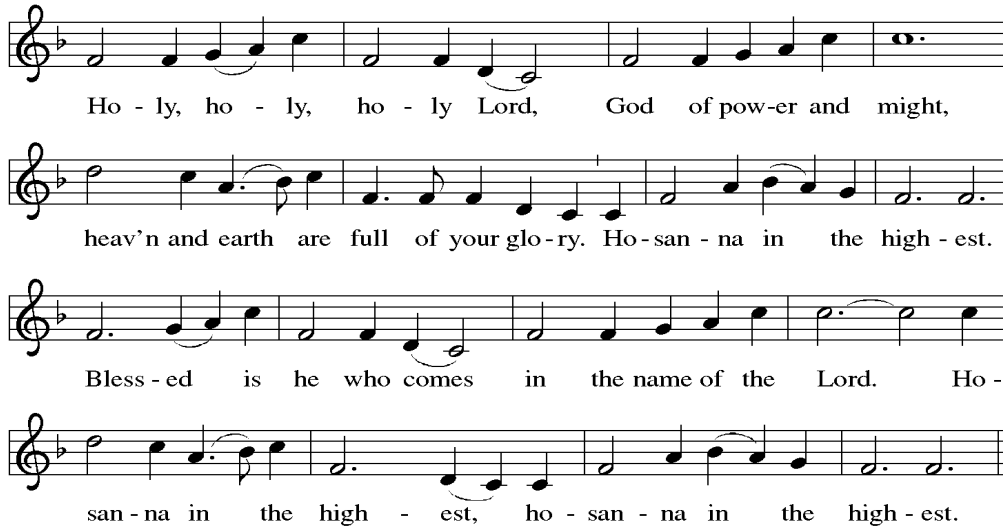
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here Is Bread (ELW 483)

Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the embrace of God be the comfort you desire.

May Christ be the one on whom you rely.

May the presence of the Spirit be with you every hour.

And may the Three in One infuse your life with love, grace, and peace.

In the name of the Creator, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! The psalmist tells us: “From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NRSV). So we gather to worship him now. Welcome!

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust”: I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer (Psalm 91:2).

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to share the Lord’s Supper with us.

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Food Basket* next to the main entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Help Needed. I am looking for help with fellowship on Sundays! There is a sign-up sheet and fellowship “duties” on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. Please sign up for a Sunday if you are able and willing to help.

Sunday, September 18, 10:15 am. Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. This will be a short series, only offered on a few Sundays (September 18, October 2, and October 9). And all are welcome, regardless if you miss one. It is not required but recommended that you read the Book of Ruth ahead of time (there are only 4 chapters).

Monday, October 24, 6:30 pm. Pastor Maggie's Book Club. The first book will be *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you are interested, please sign-up (sheet in the narthex) or email me pastor.maggie.westaby@gmail.com. You will need to purchase the book, but if funds are an issue, please let me know as financial support is available. Also, if you are an Amazon Prime Member, it is available for free as an electronic download.

Pastor Maggie’s Installation – Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please join St. John Church as Pastor Maggie is officially installed as our new minister. This is a special worship service, as the Associate to the Bishop, Reverend Asher O’Callaghan, will be participating in the service. A dessert coffee hour will follow the service.

PASTOR MAGGIE'S CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 25--10:00 AM WORSHIP (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

On Sunday, September 25, we will be celebrating Pastor Maggie's Installation with a potluck picnic after worship service. Meat and beverages will be provided by St. John. We ask that everyone please bring a dish to share such as a salad, casserole dish, fruit or dessert.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who plan to attend. This will help us determine the amount of meat and beverages needed. Please sign up by September 18 if possible.

There is also a sign-up sheet asking for help with the celebration. Please consider lending a hand with set-up and/or clean up.

Coming This Week @ St. John

September 18 – September 25

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Bible Study Book of Ruth

September 20

8:30 a.m. Quilting

1 p.m.-5 p.m. Pr. Maggie @ synod meeting in Stevens Point.

September 21

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

September 22

6:30 p.m. Pr. Maggie's Installation Service

Next Sunday September 25

10:00 a.m. Worship *note, service starts an hour later!*

11:00 a.m. Potluck Celebration!