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9:00 a.m.
20th 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.

Longing for rescue from the weight of the world and from when we fall short, let us confess our sin to God who hears our plea and waits in mercy and forgiveness.

We confess we have sinned against you. We have lived without compassion and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Embrace our shortcomings, for only in you will our lives be healed. For you know us completely, and you clothe us with love and humility. So that we are dressed to humbly serve and love others like Christ. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ ✝ the one who pours out goodness and mercy, and who exalts the humble, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened to live into the freedom of God's grace and generosity.

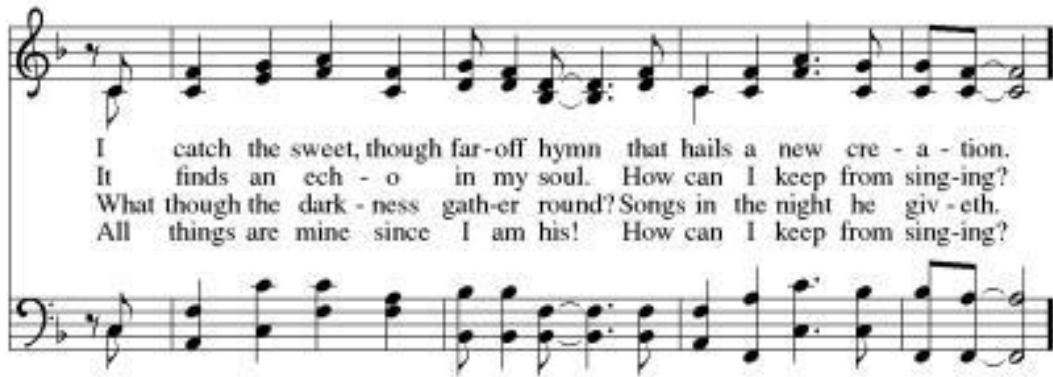
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

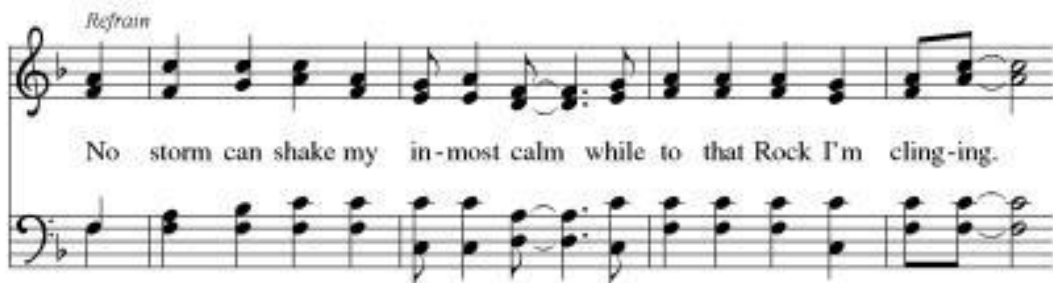


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

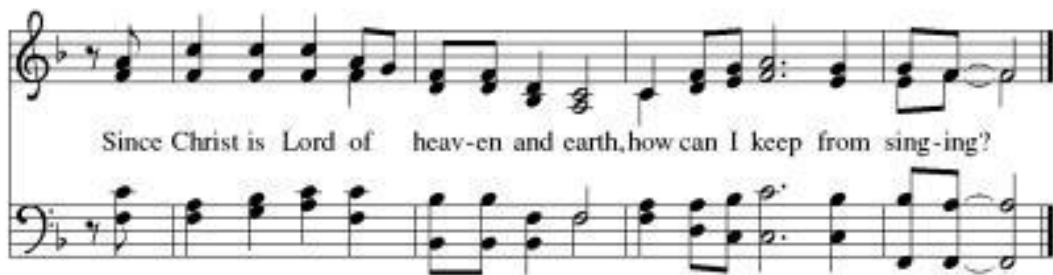


I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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

Good and Gracious God,

You promise to pour out your Spirit upon us, because you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you. Teach us humility, that we might serve others. And infuse your light into our lives, so that we may be the light for the world. Through Jesus Christ, our light, and our hope.

Amen.

WORD

Psalm: 84:1-7

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

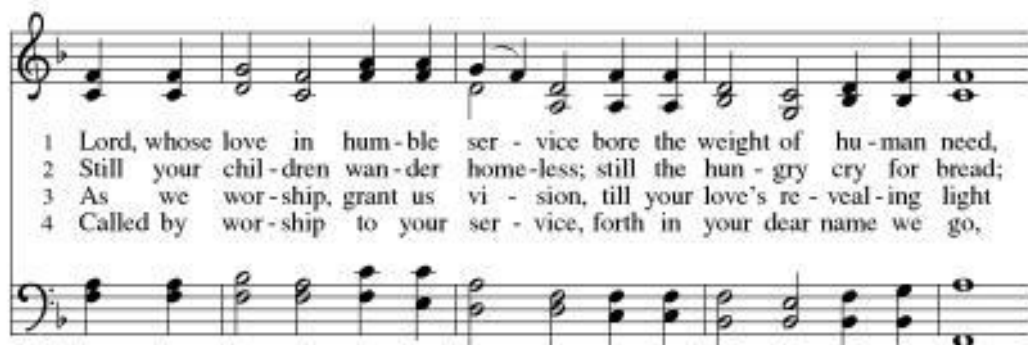
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

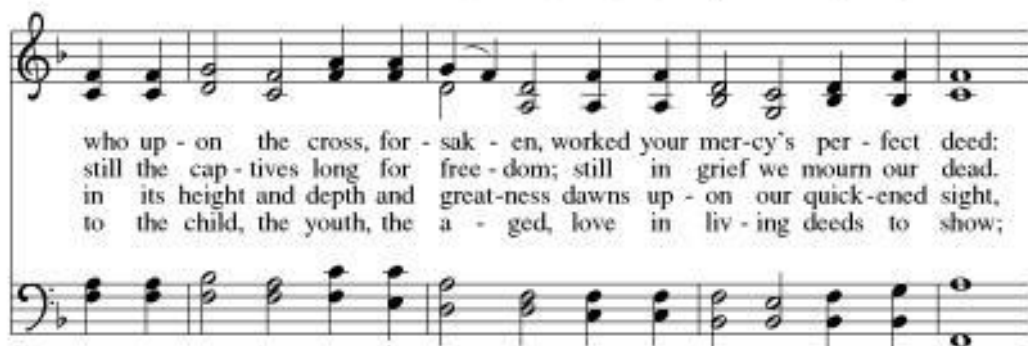
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

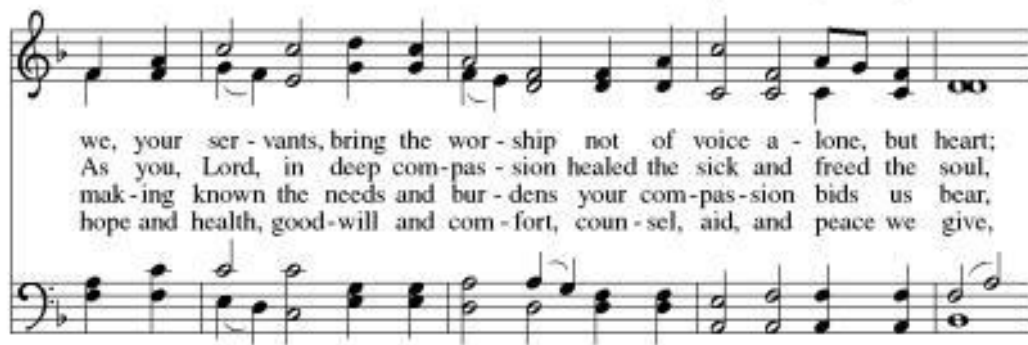
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



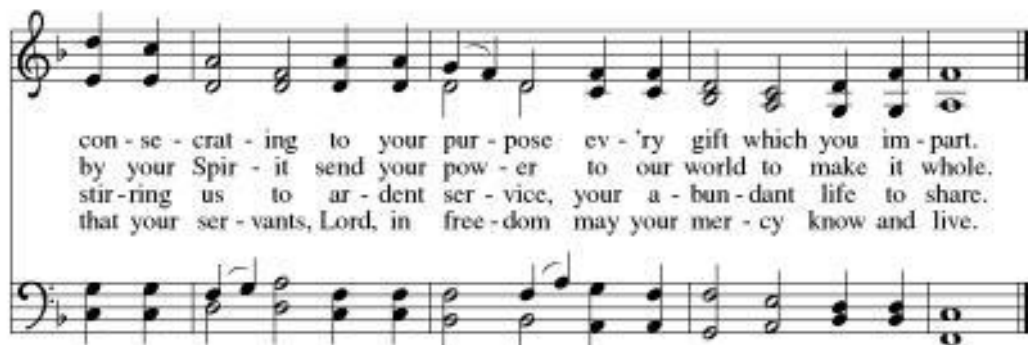
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead;
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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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

Abundant God,
You are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Creator.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

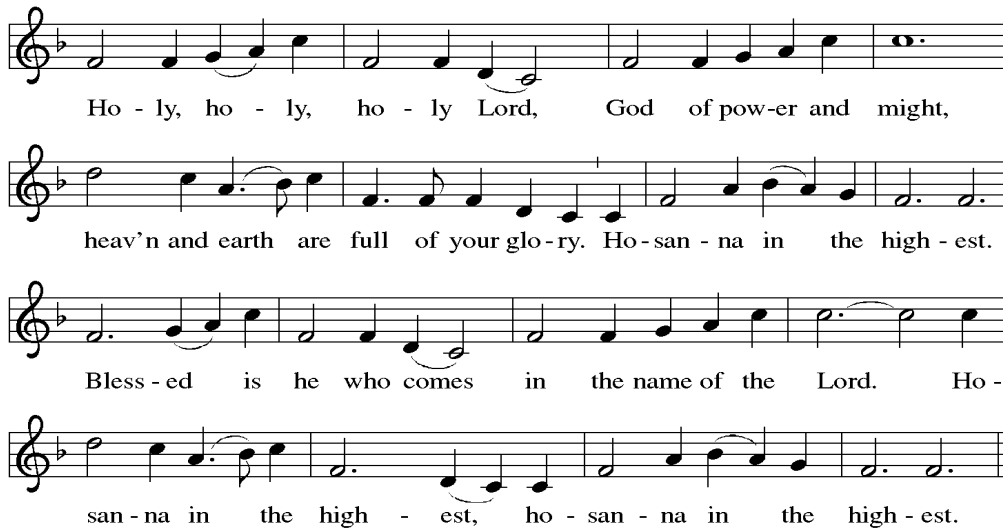
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

My Faith Looks Up To Thee (ELW 759)

I Love To Tell The Story (ELW 661)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

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, who taught us to serve.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the steadfast love of God be upon you

May the grace of Christ be within you.

And may the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you

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

SENDING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us worship!

Jesus, in our hearts we carry grief, anxiety, weariness and more. Help us release those burdens to you and take on your lighter yoke: a peace the world cannot give.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex. May God bless you today and all days.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John's at (715) 675-6950

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

Maine Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat: St. John will once again be hosting a "trunk" for Maine School's 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Tuesday, October 25th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We need candy donated for our local trick-or-treaters! All St. John families are welcome to attend the event! Please put candy donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

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.

Tuesday October 25th at 11:45 a.m. Please join us for our first Bible study with Pastor Maggie. Pastor Maggie will be using the Bible study from the magazine, Gather, which is published by the ELCA. We will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy fellowship with one another. If you would like to subscribe to the magazine, Gather please contact Jan dmjm5455.wau@gmail.com. If 11 or more people subscribe we will receive a discounted price.

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.

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camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

Coming This Week @ St. John

October 23 – October 30

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

October 24

- 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles due to Church Office
- 6:30 p.m. Pr. Maggie's Book Club

October 25

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Pastor Maggie @ Pastor Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Bible Study & Sack Lunch
- 6:30 p.m. Council

October 30

- 9:00 a.m. Worship