

# Sunday, October 15, 2023

## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

### LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

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*(the people speak the words in bold print)*

## **APOSTOLIC 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**

Let us pray

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **A READING FROM ISAIAH, THE 25<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **A READING OF PSALM 23 FROM *THE MESSAGE* TRANSLATION**

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

**You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.**

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

**You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.**

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

**I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.**

## **A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS, THE 4<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

<sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Savior.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

**Pastor Dorothy**

*(Silence for reflection)*

With the whole church we confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill especially: *Hal, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Betty, Judy and Don, Jean, Del and Suzanne, Betty, Tim and Paul.* Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*For what else do the people of God pray...*

We wait now for prayers from the Zoom Balcony.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We wait also for prayers from the sanctuary.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We offer the prayers from the Prayer Box.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

## PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

## THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

**God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

**Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(spoken by all)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**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 HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life eternal.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray: God of the welcome table,

**in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us.**

**Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## **SENDING BLESSING**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST THE KING?

### GIVING

There are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings. First, you can mail a check to the church office. Second, you could use your online banking bill pay. Third, you can set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco (if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office). Fourth, you can go to the website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) and click on the "donate" button to make single contributions through Vanco.

### ALL THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

This week we meet the woman who was healed of 12 years of bleeding. Pop in on Zoom and join the conversation.

### FOOD PANTRY

Cascade Vineyard Church, our partners in ministry, continue to serve the needs of the food insecure in our community with their **King's Pantry** food bank. As you are able, we invite you to share non-perishable food as you have so generously done in the past. You may drop by the church where the "food barrel" is outside the door to the office, under the porch roof. Bless you.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** This worship service is being recorded and will be uploaded to Facebook, YouTube and the church Website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request there are several ways you can communicate that with us. One, call the church office, 503.639.2789. Two, send an email to Kathleen Larsen [kathleeninhisgrace@gmail.com](mailto:kathleeninhisgrace@gmail.com) and she will activate the prayer chain. Three, go to the church's website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) and click on the "How May We Pray For You" button.

### CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are copies of the daily devotional Christ In Our Home sitting all alone in the narthex, waiting for someone to request them. If you would like to have one, please contact Linda in the office at [ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com](mailto:ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com) or call 503.639.2789. There are regular and large print copies.

### BIBLES AND HYMNALS

There are dozens of New International Version Bibles waiting to be gathered up into your homes and put to use. Please take one for yourself and one for your neighbor. And, while you're at it, pick up a copy of the Lutheran Book of Worship and/or With One Voice hymnal for your home devotions.