

Sunday, September 20th, 2015

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion



Call to Worship

Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

Hear our prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of our mouths.

When enemies have risen against us,
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord holds our lives secure.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As We Gather at Your Table

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1. As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

As We Gather at Your Table

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2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

As We Gather at Your Table

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3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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

Kyrie (*may be sung by all*)

1. Have mercy on us Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair

Kyrie (*may be sung by all*)

2. Have mercy on us Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that life may begin.

Kyrie (*may be sung by all*)

3. Have mercy on us Lord,
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts.

Glory to God

1. Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory to God

2. Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

Glory to God

3. Holy one we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy one in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all;
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Lord informed me and I knew.

Then he helped me see what they were up to.

I was like a young lamb led to the slaughter;
I didn't realize that they were planning
their schemes against me:

“Let's destroy the tree with its fruit;
let's cut him off from the land of the living
so that even any knowledge of him will be wiped out.”

First Reading, *continued*

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lord of heavenly forces, righteous judge,
Who tests the heart and mind,
Let me see your revenge upon them,
Because I have committed my case to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:13, 4:7-8a

Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom.

However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above.

Instead it is from the earth, natural and demonic. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil.

Second Reading, *cont'd* James 3:13-4:13, 4:7-8a

What of the wisdom from above? First it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives?

You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder.

Second Reading, *cont'd* James 3:13-4:13, 4:7-8a

You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will run away from you. Come near to God, and He will come near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Mark 8:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. This was because he was teaching his disciples.

“The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up.”

Gospel, *continued*

Mark 8:30-37

But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him. They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?"

They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all."

Gospel, *continued*

Mark 8:30-37

Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him.

Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



ἐγὼ εἰμὶ ἡ ἄμπελος
ὅ γεωργός
ἔστι πάν
ὑμεῖς τὰ κλήματα
ἐν ἐμοί
καὶ ὁ πα
τήρ με
καρπὸν...

Lord of Light

ELW# 688

1. Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son.

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Lord of Light

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2. By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Lord of Light

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3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Lord of Light

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4. By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Apostles 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.***

Apostles Creed, *continued*

**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

Each petition ends with *Lord in your mercy*.

The congregation responds with **Hear our prayer.**



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;**

and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



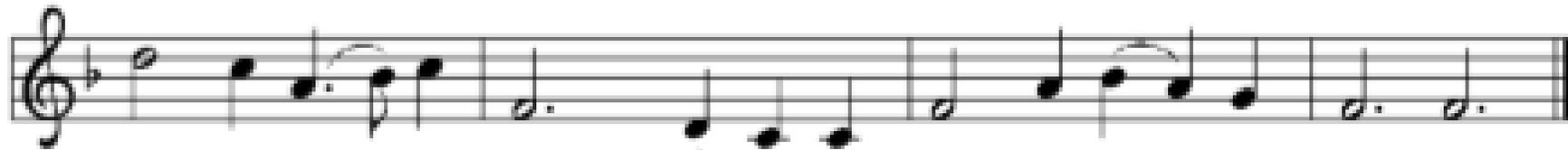
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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.



Last Supper
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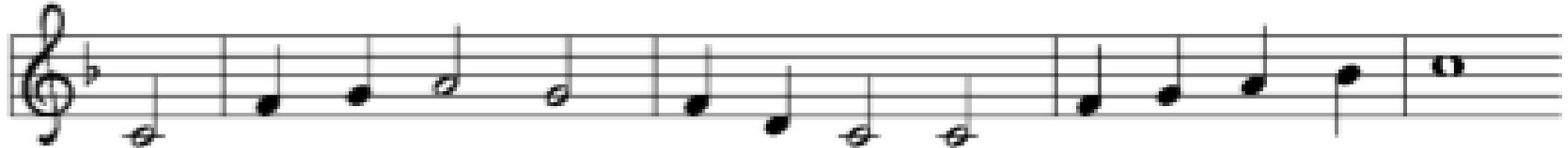
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

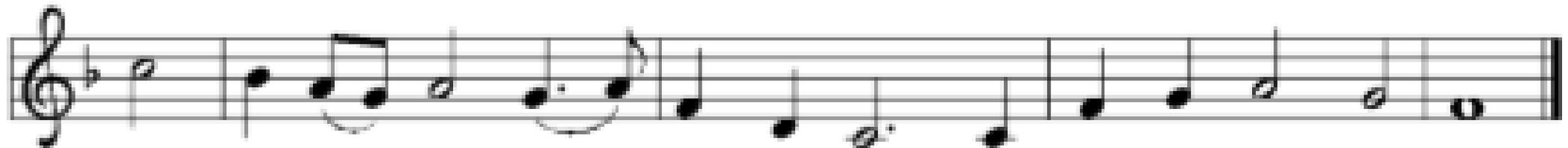
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Song



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

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2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

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3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!