

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 3, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** 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. **[C] Amen.**

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**[P]** 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.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**[P]** Most merciful God,

**[C] 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.**

**[P]** 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. **[C] Amen.**

*Stand*

**GREETING OF PEACE** *saying "Peace be with you/ **And also with you**", being mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN

### "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave

Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
 Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
 The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns  
 As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
 For He is king of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, sts. 1–3, 5, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

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Rev. 19:17, 16; Heb. 2:9; Rev. 5:11–14; Phil. 2:9–11

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

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## HYMN OF PRAISE



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

*Verse 1*  
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 2*  
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 3*  
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 4*  
For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

*Final Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

**[P]** O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

*Sit*

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

*The book of Jeremiah contains six personal laments or complaints. Today's reading is the second of these. Here the prophet complains that his faithful preaching of the Word of God has brought him only angry violence from his hearers. While God responds with a promise of support, note that God does not promise that Jeremiah's task will be easy or painless.*

**[R]** O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 26:1-8



**P** Give judgment for me, O Lord, / for I have lived with in-tegrity;\*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not fáltered.

**C** Test me, O Lord, and trý me;\*  
examine my heart and my mínd.

*For your love in before my eýes;\*  
I have walked faithful-ly with you.*

I have not sat with the wórtless,\*  
nor do I consort with the decéitful.

*I have hated the company of e-vildóers;\*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.*

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lórd,\*  
that I may go in procession round your áltar,

*singing aloud a song of thanksgíving\*  
and recounting all your wonderful déeds.*

Lord, I love the house in which you dwéll\*  
and the place where your glo-ry abídes.

## SECOND LESSON Romans 12:9-21

*Paul writes to the Roman Christians who have experienced rejection and ridicule as a result of their faith. He instructs them on how to live as Christians in an unfriendly world.*

**R** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be

wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*intro: one chord*

**C** Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal - life. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

**GOSPEL** **P** The Holy Gospel of Matthew chapter 16, beginning at verse 21. **C**  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

**P** From that time on [after Peter's confession], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

## MESSAGE

### "Genuine Affection"

*Stand*

## HYMN

### "Christ the Word of God Incarnate"



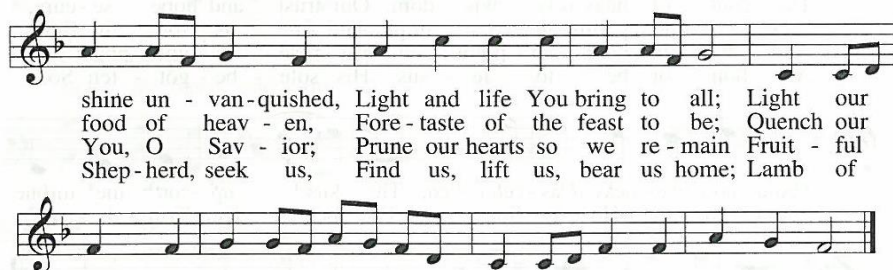
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van-quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

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

**[C]** Amen.

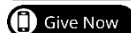
*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

**[P]** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*introduction*

**C** 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 the dreams of  
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer  
 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give  
 us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 softer  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 louder  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.


**P** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

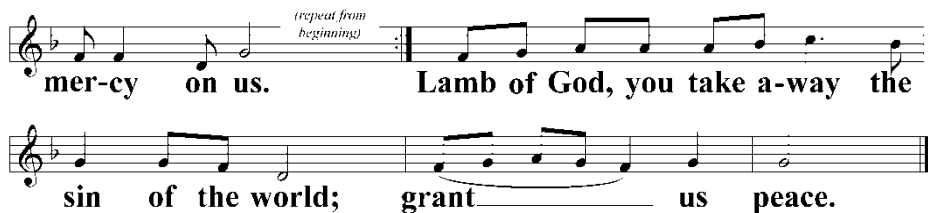
*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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

## THE LAMB OF GOD



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.

## HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess; And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.


Stand

## THE BLESSING

**[P]** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C]** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**[C]** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what  
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and  
proud-ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom-is - es  
and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**[P]** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C]** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C]** Amen.

**[P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader"

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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*John 8:12; John 1:4, 14, 17; 14:6*

## POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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