

THE HOLY EUCHARIST SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023 10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse, with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE



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THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed by the One, Holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you know our thoughts and

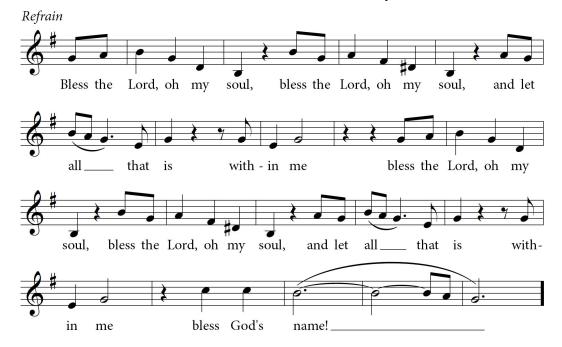
our desires; there is nothing we can hide from you. Enter our hearts today and by your Holy Spirit help us

to truly love you as we glorify your Holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, oh my soul



Verses sung by soloist

- 1. Like the flowers of the field, we bloom for a day and we're gone. May the life that we live, every breath be a part of the heavenly song.
- 2. From the goodness of God, the blessings of heaven are yours. Lifting your soul, filling your spirit until it soars.
- 3. All of our sins are beyond the horizon, removed by the power of love. The mercy of God is as high as the heavens above.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant People God be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about

earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE WORD OF GOD

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES seated

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; * we make known your deeds among the peoples.

We sing to you; we sing your praise * and speak of all your marvelous works.

We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

We search for you and your strength; * we continually seek your face.

We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth.

O offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
O children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

You led out your people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

You spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, * and you satisfied them with bread from heaven.

You opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

For you remembered your holy word * and Abraham your servant.

So you led forth your people with gladness, * your chosen with shouts of joy.

You gave your people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep your statutes * and observe your laws. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE seated

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well–since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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SEQUENCE HYMN standing Caribbean Hallelujah

THE HOLY GOSPEL standing

Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

THE NICENE CREED said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer**.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE standing

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people offer a greeting of peace to one another.

KIDS' WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS



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DOXOLOGY HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive are encouraged to come forward to receive.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider
People
Presider
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
People
We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of all of Creation.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth,

all things, came to be.

Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,

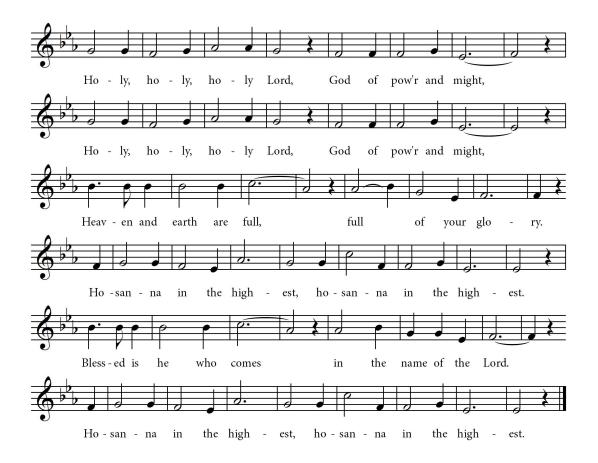
including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

The prayer continues until

Celebrant And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of

all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now

and for ever saying:



The prayer continues until

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues until

Celebrant By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all,

in songs of everlasting praise,

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Christ teaches us we pray,

Αll

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer for those worshiping at home

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Hold your hands out in front of you to receive the bread and help guide the cup to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are also available by request.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

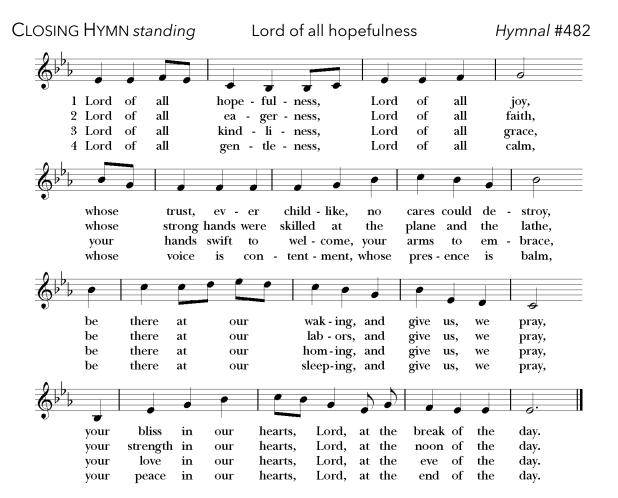
Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE BLESSING The Celebrant blesses the People.



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DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the People, who respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

Worship Assistant

Musician Ivar Hillesland
Tech and Prayers Jennifer Avignon
Lector(s) Judy and Mike Heinrich

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Greeter

Lyn Fulkerson

Altar guild Bernadette Walcott, Jo Burkholder



Convene September 30 - Open to All

Reconnect with Episcopalians from across the Diocese, and join us for this exciting new event open to everyone! Gain new resources and support, and spend time learning from and networking with churches from every corner of Western Washington. Convene 2023 will feature multiple workshop sessions throughout this day-long opportunity for learning and connection. Canon Britt will offer two presentations: one on the redevelopment happening here at St. Luke's, and another on an exciting Civil Rights Pilgrimage coming up next year. Visit ecww.org to learn more and register to attend.

Blessing of the Animals October 1 after worship

In love of all creation and our friends, the animals, St. Francis modelled the blessing of animals. We will join this annual tradition with a short service to both bless those animals in our care, to remember those animals we have lost and to pray for all animals who are at risk or suffering. Dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, pigs, or any other animal companions are invited with their humans for the blessing in our courtyard October 1 at 11:30. You may also bring a photo of an animal who cannot attend in person or one who has died. This is a good opportunity to invite friends or neighbors who would be blessed by this special service.

Buy Your Ticket for the Edible Hope Annual Fundraiser!!

Get ready to raise a paddle and raise some funds to continue feeding folks a hot meal in 2024 and beyond! You are invited to join us for the annual fundraiser for Edible Hope Kitchen on **October 10** at 6pm at Bickersons Brewhouse in Ballard. Delicious food and desserts will be provided by local businesses. It will be a fun night for all! Purchase your ticket today: bit.ly/EHKAnnualFundraiser.

Plant Salvage for the St. Luke's Property

As summer transitions to autumn and we near the time for the affordable housing site to break ground, we are offering plants on the St. Luke's property to new homes. Fall is a good time for transplanting, and if you would like to nurture a bit of St. Luke's heritage in your own garden (or large porch container), there is ribbon and a sign up sheet in the church office. Let us know the best way to get in touch and we'll reach out when it's time to take your new (old) plant to its new home.



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