

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Pentecost 23

November 8, 2020

Worship Where You Are

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Gather, as you are able: a piece of bread or cracker, wine or juice, a Bible, a candle or flashlight, a bowl of water, and a cross (if you don't have one, draw one or make one!)

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Here I am to Worship

Vocalist—Dezirae Maffit

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of the Covenant,

C: **You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.**

P: God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

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Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Gracious God,

C: **You show abundant mercy even when we cannot see the purpose of it. Give us your heart for compassion and love for all of your children. We pray all this in the name of the One who is steadfast, abundant in love and gracious in mercy, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

But 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!'

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message



Reading

Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10

P: Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it;.....

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Charisse Jensen

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

- 4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

Prayers of Intercession

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

L: As self-absorbed and evasive as Jonah was, you still used him to powerfully and effectively proclaim your word of grace. Likewise use us despite our flaws and resistance to your call, for the fulfillment of your mission in the world. God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: In times of change or upheaval, we are tempted to withdraw and be concerned only for ourselves. Open us to our neighbors, especially those with whom we disagree, and encourage us to seek understanding across lines of belief and loyalties. God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: The seas are once again crying out against the injustices which have been done to them. Empower all those working to clean the earth's oceans and prevent further loss and damage to your beautiful creation. God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Self-absorption separates us from the healing blessings of community and mutual support. Help us reach out to those who have isolated themselves and use us to spread your spirit's healing grace. Be especially this day with those whom we lift up by name... God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your departed saints are gone only from our sight, not really separated from us in spirit. Keep us bound together in ties of love and bring us to that day when we will all be reunited in your kingdom. God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and assure us of your unfailing mercy which is ours through Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(The congregation now takes time to exchange a greeting of peace)

The Offering of our Gifts - Offering: *Speak O Lord* Vocalist - Dezirae Maffit

We offer to God a portion of what God has first given to us. It is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts.

Offertory Prayer

P: Your generosity,

C: O God, will always far exceed our own, and still you ask us to give of our abundance for the benefit of those who have less. Bless these gifts which we have offered and may they become food for the hungry and life for those who despair of help. May all your people know your care and the joy of life abundant. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: 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, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed....

Again, after supper, he took the cup.....

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

The Distribution

- *At St. Mark's, all people are welcome at God's table. No exceptions.*
- *We believe Jesus is in, with and under the elements. There's a profound mystery and power in Holy Communion.*
- *We believe that Christ is present in your bread and wine/grape juice in your homes.*
- *As you eat your bread. As you drink your wine. Hear those words Jesus spoke to you: FOR YOU. Jesus is FOR YOU.*
- *In this Sacrament, receive God's forgiveness of sin and taste God's grace again. May it fill you and help you remember that on that last night, Jesus was thinking of you.*

At Home Instructions

For those with loved ones, commune yourselves.

Use the words we use when communing our saints:

Bread: Body of Christ given for you

Wine/Grape Juice: Blood of Christ shed for you.

For those alone watching worship, the presiding pastor will take a moment to virtually offer you the elements of Christ's body and blood.

When the pastor offers the body of Christ for you, receive the body.

When the pastor offers the blood of Christ for you, receive the blood.

Come to the table of mercy,
 prepared with the wine and the bread.
 All who are hungry and thirsty,
 come, and your souls will be fed.
 Come at the Lord's invitation;
 receive from his nail-scarred hand.
 Eat of the bread of salvation;
 drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

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Refrain

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| <p>Take my life, that I may be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> | <p>3 Take my voice and let me sing
 always, only for my King;
 take my lips and let them be
 filled with messages from thee. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>1 Take my hands and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>4 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine;
 take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>2 Take my silver and my gold,
 not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use
 ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. <i>Refrain</i></p> | |

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-19

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude