



MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th, 2026 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite Two

Gathering Season Worship Notes.

The Gospel lessons in early Fall—which we’re calling *Gathering Season*--focus on Jesus’ radical and counter-cultural welcome, to the marginalized and excluded. Parables and stories about the least, the last, and the lost of society attracted to Jesus upside down kingdom of grace. Parables like this, of the Wedding Banquet:

Then the King said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet”. —Matthew 22:8-9

Our preaching theme for this season is *Jesus’ Radical Welcome*.

A Note for Visitors.

Resisting the urge to project our music and liturgy on screens, as Anglican Christians in the Episcopal Church we pray from the Book of Common Prayer and sing from our Hymnal. Other music is found in your worship bulletin. It is our custom to stand when we praise and profess, kneel when we pray, and sit when we listen. Our clergy will do our best to guide you, as will Messiah members.

Liturgy Changes.

Liturgically, we’ve moved to Eucharistic Prayer A and Prayer Form V as we turn towards Fall. We will acknowledge our sinfulness with the General Confession and hear the words of grace in the Absolution. We will also return to the two-song praise set after the Prayer of Humble Access. All three readings will be read by our Lectors at the 8:30am service for the Fall.

With every blessing,

Rev. Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Hymnal #334

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #334 Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known...
...and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (*Pre-Chorus*)

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name. (2X, then *Chorus*)

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Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

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O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - dee - mer's
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God as - sist me to pro -
Je - sus the name that charms our fears that bids our sor - rows
He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - 'ner
He speaks and lis - t'ning to His voice, new life the dead re -
Glo - ry to God, and praise and love, be ev - er ev - er

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praise the glo - ries of my God and King the tri - umphs of His grace.
- claim, to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
cease, 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
free His blood can make the foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.
- ceive. The mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
giv'n by saints be - low and saint a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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So come on and sing out let our an - them grow loud,
there is one great love Je - - sus.

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Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 234

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things...
...and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All sit.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

(OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Jonah 3:10– 4:11)

Bible OT p. 861)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Philippians 1:21-30)

Bible NT p. 196-197

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 196.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALTER: Psalm 145:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

BCP p. 801-802

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #801.

All stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 20:1-16) Bible NT p. 21-22

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 21.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading:

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON the Rev. Dave Langille

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All We believe in one God...
... and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V BCP p. 389-391

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “*Lord, have mercy*”
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled...
...we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond, “**Lord, have mercy**”.*

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 359-360

All stand.

ABSOLUTION & PEACE BCP p. 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

**All And also with you.
Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.**

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

OFFERTORY HYMN

His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His Mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All And from your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP p. 361

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 361

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God
of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Leader Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Leader We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...
... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor
and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your_ Name, your king-dom
come, your_ will be done, on earth as_ in_ heav-en.____
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our_ sins as we for-
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,____
_ and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er and the
glo - ry are_ yours, now and_ for - ev - er. A-men. A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance ...
... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you. Please notify the usher if you need communion brought to you in the pew.

8:30 am service: Healing team members are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members are available for prayer during communion,
concurrent with Joanne Slanger and Jennifer Wilson available for prayer
by calling 612-803-9020.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ Be Magnified

1. Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

2. Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus O Christ be magnified! Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified from the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

3. When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified

Bridge 1 I won't bow to idols I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then *I'll be crucified with You*
Alt. lyrics: *You can hang me there with You*

Bridge 2 'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
If I join You in Your sufferings then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing and my song will be the same

Chorus O Christ be magnified! Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified from the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

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Come Holy Spirit Come

1. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come; let
2. Con - vince us of our sin; then
3. 'Tis thine to cleanse the heart, to
4. Dwell, there - fore, in our hearts; our

Thy bright beams a - rise;— dis - pel the dark - ness
lead to Je - sus' blood,— and to our won - d'ring
sanc - ti - fy the soul,— to pour fresh life in
minds from bon - dage free;— then we shall know and

from our minds, and o - pen all our eyes.
view, re - veal the se - cret love of God. *Instrumental*
ev - ery part, the new cre - ate the whole.
praise and love the Fa - ther, Son, and Thee. *To Coda*

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

Only A Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

2. What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members
... with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, You Give The Great Commission

Hymnal #528

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #528 Lord, You Give The Great Commission

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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