

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love;  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

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Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy;  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.

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**Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your  
God, Come.

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.  
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God, Come.

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.  
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your  
God, Come... come... come.

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## Prayer

### Gathering Song: LBW 423 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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.

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.

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.

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and in newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

### Song: The Greatest Thing (vs. 3)

The greatest thing in all my life is  
serving You.

The greatest thing in all my life is  
serving You.

I want to serve You more,

I want to serve You more.

The greatest thing in all my life  
Is serving You.

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Apostolic Blessing:

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.**

Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 1, page 57

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God” LBW setting 1, page 58

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God of love,

**C: giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Lessons:

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup> Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup> When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup> Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup> Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup> Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

### **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 1, page 63

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 21:23-32**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.<sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’<sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.”<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’<sup>29</sup> He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.<sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.<sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.<sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: “Getting Jesus’ Church Right, Part 2”

Sermon Song Closing Song: **Thrive**

Oh, Oh

Here in this worn and weary land  
Where many a dream has died  
Like a tree planted by the water  
We never will run dry  
So living water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of You  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls  
With one desire

Just to know You and to make You known  
We lift Your name on high  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and  
hide  
We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive

Oh, Oh

Into Your Word we're digging deep  
To know our Father's heart  
Into the world we're reaching out  
To show them who You are  
So living water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of You  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls  
With one desire  
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Joy unspeakable  
Faith unsinkable  
Love unstoppable  
Anything is possible  
(REPEAT 3 Xs)  
Just to know You and to make You known  
We lift Your name on high  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and  
hide

Message Hymn: **Living for Jesus**

Living for Jesus a life that is true  
Striving to please Him in all that I do  
Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free  
This is the pathway of blessing for me  
O Jesus Lord and Savior  
I give myself to Thee  
For Thou in Thy atonement  
Didst give Thyself for me  
I own no other master  
My heart shall be Thy throne  
My life I give henceforth to live  
O Christ for Thee alone

Living for Jesus who died in my place  
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace  
Such love constrains me to answer His  
call  
Follow His leading and give Him my all  
O Jesus Lord and Savior  
I give myself to Thee  
For Thou in Thy atonement  
Didst give Thyself for me  
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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of  
the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives

It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive  
Oh oh, Oh oh  
We were made to thrive

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Living for Jesus wherever I am  
Doing each duty in His holy name  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss  
Taking each trial as a part of my cross  
O Jesus Lord and Savior  
I give myself to Thee  
For Thou in Thy atonement  
Didst give Thyself for me  
I own no other master  
My heart shall be Thy throne  
My life I give henceforth to live  
O Christ for Thee alone

Living for Jesus through earth's little while  
My dearest treasure the light of His smile  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him  
O Jesus Lord and Savior  
I give myself to Thee  
For Thou in Thy atonement  
Didst give Thyself for me  
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He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

### **Praise Song: God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation,  
Of water, earth and sky,  
The heavens are your tabernacle;  
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy;  
The universe declares your majesty.  
You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light.  
And as I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy;  
The universe declares your majesty.  
You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

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Precious Lord reveal your heart to me.  
Father, hold me, hold me.  
You sent your Son to set my spirit free.  
Father, hold me, hold me.

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### **Passing the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

### **Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart** LBW Setting 1, page 75

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

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**

## Lord's Prayer

**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**

## 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**

## Closing Song: **Such Joy**

Such joy! Such unspeakable joy.  
Such peace, an everlasting peace.  
Such love, a pure and holy love.  
Spirit, have Your way in me.

There's a peace that floods my soul  
When the Spirit of the Lord is in control;  
And there's a joy no bounds can hold,  
When the Spirit blows a fresh wind  
through my soul.

Holy Spirit, flow through me;  
Touch my heart and there will, there will  
be...

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## Sending

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Share the joy of Christ.

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**