

September 5, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

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.

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.

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

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

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

Words and Music by Paul Baloche
© 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (c/o Integrity
Music, Inc.)
CCLI License No. 587498

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

Words and Music by Robert Cull
©1976 Maranatha! Music (c/o Integrity Music, Inc.)
CCLI License No. 587498

Prayer

Gathering Song: LBW 249 God Himself is Present

God himself is present; let us now
adore him
And with awe appear before him!
God is in his temple; all within keep
silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own,
Him, our God and Savior;
Praise his name forever!

Light of light eternal, all things
penetrating,
For your rays our soul is waiting.
As the tender flowers, willingly
unfolding,
To the sun their faces holding:
Even so would we do,
Light from you obtaining,
Strength to serve you gaining.

God himself is present; hear the harps
resounding;
See the hosts the throne resounding!
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn
ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear to us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That your Church now raises.

Come, celestial Being, make our
hearts your dwelling,
Ev'ry carnal thought dispelling.
By your Holy Spirit sanctify us truly,
Teaching us to love you only.
Where we go here below,
Let us bow before you
And in truth adore you.

Tune: Joachim Neander; Text: Gerhard Tersteegen
©Public Domain

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the God
of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sins.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is not enough to share. We question
your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take
offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where
else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for
life in the world. Amen**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and
nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than
enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you
are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

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.

Kyrie (tune: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”)

A: For God’s peace and for salvation,

C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.

A: For God’s peace in all creation,

C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.

A: For the tasks to which you send us, bless your children ev’rywhere;

C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us. Let us all your goodness share.

C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.

Hymn of Praise – Glory to God – (tune: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”)

Glory to God on high, and to the earth God’s peace!

With thanks God’s name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!

With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,

Almighty Father, heav’nly King, enthroned in holiness.

Jesus, the Father’s Son, the Lamb for sinners slain,

Ascended to your heav’nly throne, o’er all the earth you reign.

Have mercy, Lord, we pray; your steadfast love declare.

The sin of all you take away; receive our ardent prayer.

For you, O Christ, alone – you only are the Lord;

You only are the Holy One by earth and heav’n adored.

To all eternity you with the Spirit live

In God the Father’s majesty. To God all glory give!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

Lessons

Job 19:21-27

- ²¹ Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
- ²² Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?
- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Psalm 17:1-9 (Read Responsively)

A: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;

C: give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

A: From you let my vindication come;

C: let your eyes see the right.

A: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

**C: if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.**

A: As for what others do, by the word of your lips

C: I have avoided the ways of the violent.

A: My steps have held fast to your paths;

C: my feet have not slipped.

A: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

C: incline your ear to me, hear my words.

A: Wondrously show your steadfast love,

**C: O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

A: Guard me as the apple of the eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings,

**C: from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.**

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation (tune: “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”)

Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord!

Forever be God’s name adored!

Alleluia! God’s saving Word

Throughout the earth in faith be heard!

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **Gospel: John 9:1-11**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message: Rev. Jim Bangsund

Message Hymn: **LBW 476 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

*Tune: Heinz Werner Zimmerman; Text: Luke 12:32, Marjorie Jillson
©Public Domain*

Credo: (tune: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

**Children of God, come,
Our Father almighty confessing,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Endless glory possessing.
Who, by his might,
Shattered the darkness with light,
Filling all things with his blessing.
Proclaim our faith in God's Son,
Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus,
Son of the virgin:
His death from all trespasses frees us.**

**Raised from the grave,
He lives his people to save,
From our own graves to release us.**

**Christ reigns on high!
On his people the Spirit descending,
Binds with forgiveness
The saints in one holy befriending,
By whom is heard
God's sure, unbreakable Word,
Promise of life without ending.**

Praise Song: My Redeemer Lives

For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end He will stand on the
earth.
For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end He will reign on the
earth.
Though my flesh it be destroyed,
Yet with my eyes I will see God.
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.
For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end He will stand on the
earth.
For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end He will reign on the
earth.
Though my flesh it be destroyed,
Yet with my eyes I will see God.

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.

Oh my heart it yearns within me
For the day when Jesus returns.
Oh my heart it yearns within
For the day when Jesus shall reign.
Though my flesh it be destroyed,
Yet with my eyes I will see God.

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And I will stand with Him on that day.

Words and Music by John Willison
©1993 Mercy/Vineyard Publ.
CCLI License No. 587498

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

Passing of the Peace

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

C:And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory – Create, Create

**Create, create in me a clean heart, Oh
God**

**Create, create in me a clean heart, Oh
God**

**And renew a right spirit within me
Keep me close to Your presence**

**Send Your Holy Spirit, keep me in
Your care**

**Oh Lord, restore unto me the joy of
your salvation.**

Lord, renew a right spirit within me.

By David Bakken © 2001Bub-Rik Publishing

Offertory prayer

A: Let us pray. God of life,

**C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that
will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers")

"Holy! Holy! Holy!" heav'nly angels cry,

And with glad hosannas, saints on earth reply:

"Hail the true Messiah, David's royal Son

In the Lord's name coming, God's own blessed One!"

"Holy! Holy! Holy!" heav'nly angels cry,

With our glad hosannas, saints on earth reply

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." 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

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Agnus Dei (tune: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus")

**Lamb of God, our mighty Savior,
All our sins you take away.
Lamb of God, by your great favor,
Lord, be merciful, we pray.
Lamb of God, our needs attending.**

**Look upon us from above
With your promised steadfast love,
And, your Holy Spirit sending,
Never let your mercies cease.
Lamb of God grant us your peace.**

Distribution of Elements (at base of steps, continuous)

Post-Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-communion Canticle (tune: "Before You Lord We Bow")

**Lord, we depart in peace – What you have said is so.
Now let your light increase To set the world aglow.
Till nations all Your glory see
And thankfully Obey your call.**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

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.

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Song: WOV 801 Thine the Amen Thine the Praise

Thine the amen thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard
Then the cup is lifted up, Lifted up.

Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
What was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing

Then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving
Evermore evermore.

*Tune: Carl Shalk; Text: Herbert F. Brokering
©1983 Augsburg Publishing House
Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-711958*

Sending

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News!

C: Yes, Lord, we will!