

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Service

August 16, 2020

GATHERING

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Ringing of the Bell*

*(Please Stand)*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed by the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

Hymn # 650

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.



(After the reading of the Gospel, we sing.)



(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 588

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
2. There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.
4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful let us take at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And He will come 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.**

*The Prayers*

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Peace*

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you!**

L: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*Offering*

*Offering Hymn # 612*

*"Healer of Our Every Ill"*

**Refrain:**

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **(Refrain)**
2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. **(Refrain)**
3. Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **(Refrain)**
4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **(Refrain)**

*Prayer*

L: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer (Sung)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### *Blessing*

Hymn # 886

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and king, The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.
3. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease—  
Sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
4. He speaks, and, listening to His voice new life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice the humble poor believe.
5. Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
6. To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

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