

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**October 18, 2020**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Lector: Jeffrey Zarth (8:00 a.m.)    Marti Conant (9:15 a.m.)**

**Ushers: Jeff Morgan (8:00 a.m.)**

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In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

**CALL TO WORSHIP: "Lord of all Hopefulness" set by Kosche**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** Loving God,

**C: We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live as your children. Amen.**

**P:** Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: “Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.”

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN: “God is Here” #526 vss. 1 & 4 ELW *First verse only at 9:15 a.m.***



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



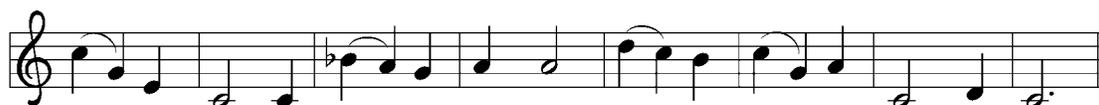
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## **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.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

## **LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

**P:** The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

**P:** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**P:** Faith comes from what is heard.

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #886 ELW vss. 1 & 2**  
**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,**  
**the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,**  
**to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: "Take My Life" Kyla Betts**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1-7</sup> GOD's Message to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he took by the hand To give the task of taming the nations, of terrifying their kings—He gave him free rein, no restrictions: "I'll go ahead of you, clearing and paving the road. I'll break down bronze city gates, smash padlocks, kick down barred entrances. I'll lead you to buried treasures, secret caches of valuables—Confirmations that it is, in fact, I, GOD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. It's because of my dear servant Jacob, Israel my chosen, That I've singled you out, called you by name, and given you this privileged work. And you don't even know me! I am GOD, the only God there is. Besides me there are no real gods. I'm the one who armed you for this work, though you don't even know me, So that everyone, from east to west, will know that I have no god-rivals. I am GOD, the only God there is. I form light and create darkness, I make harmonies and create discords. I, GOD, do all these things.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL CANTICLE: 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil' #512 ELW**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

*The Gospel is announced...*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15-17</sup> That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18-19</sup> Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

<sup>20</sup> “This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?” <sup>21</sup> They said, “Caesar.” “Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his.”

<sup>22</sup> The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712 ELW vss. 1 & 2

*First verse only at 9:15 a.m.*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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### APOSTLE'S CREED (8:00 a.m.)/ BAPTISM (9:15 a.m.)

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESION**

**P:** With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Honk your horns three times after each petition.*

**P:** Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Honk your horns to greet one another.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING HYMN: "Lord of All Hopefulness" #765 ELW

First verse only at 9:15 a.m.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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## POSTLUDE: "O God Beyond All Praising"