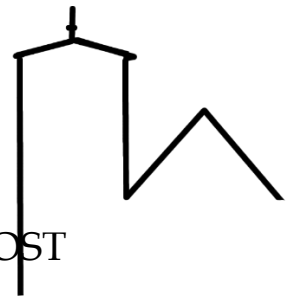


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

3 October 2021

Ten O'clock

ALMIGHTY GOD, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from The Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church, USA

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Prelude on 'Malabar'

Leo Sowerby

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *Come, join us as we worship God together.*

All: **For we are the body of Christ, and we need each other.**

One: *Come, fill your hearts with praise.*

All: **For God has made us all different, and all of us are necessary.**

One: *Come, fill your souls with peace.*

All: **For the Spirit is moving among us now.**

One: *Come, join us as we worship God together.*

All: **For we are the body of Christ.**

***THE HYMN 486**

When the Morning Stars Together

Weisse Flaggen

**1. When the morning stars together
Their Creator's glory sang,
And the angel host all shouted
Till with you the heavens rang,
Then your wisdom and your greatness
Their exultant music told,
All the beauty and the splendor
Which your might works unfold.**

**2. When in synagogue and temple
Voices raised the psalmists' songs,
Offering the adoration
Which alone to you belongs,
When the singers and the cymbals
With the trumpet made accord,
Glory filled the house of worship,
And all knew your presence, Lord.**

3. Voice and instrument in union
Through the ages spoke your praise,
Plainsong, tuneful hymns and anthems,
Told your faithful, gracious ways,
Choir and orchestra and organ
Each a sacred offering brought,
Which, inspired by your own Spirit,
Poet and composer wrought.

4. Lord, we bring our gift of music:
Touch our lips and fire our hearts,
Teach our minds and train our senses,
Fit us for these scared arts.
Then with skill and consecration
We would serve you, Lord, and give
All our powers to glorify you,
And in serving, fully live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1969
Music: *Tochter Sion*, Cologne, 1741

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

MERCIFUL GOD, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

***TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*See insert*)

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Job: 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. ²The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

***THE PSALTER**

Psalm 26

Old Hundredth

1. Give judgment, Lord, for I have lived
With trust and honor all my days;
Test me, O Lord, and try my life:
My heart and mind and all my ways.

2. I set your love before my eyes
And walk in faithfulness with you;
I have not sat with worthless folk
Nor met with those who are not true.

3. The evildoers' company
And wicked people, these I hate;
I wash my hands in innocence
And round your altar celebrate.

4. I sing aloud in thankfulness,
Your wondrous deeds I will re-tell;
I love your glory's resting-place
The house, Lord, where you choose to dwell.

Text: *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber
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Music: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins,

he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife’ ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 502

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Rendez à Dieu

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead,
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.**

**Text: Reginald Heber, (1783-1826)
Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1543**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Affirming together*)

from The Confession of Belhar

WE BELIEVE in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we are to share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

I Beseech You Therefore, Brethren

Craig Phillips

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

... Romans 12:1-2

SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the **Distribution of the EUCHARIST**, please partake of the elements handed out as you entered the church this morning. Worshipers at home are encouraged to use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things*

closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are—
full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNION PRAYER (continues)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

INTERSESSIONS AND PRAYERS

THE CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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.

*These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Anima Christi

Gerald Near

Soul of my savior sanctify my breast, Body of Christ be thou my saving guest. Blood of the Savior, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water glowing from thy side. Strength and protection may the passion be, O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me, Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never, never part from thee.

14th Century Latin Prayer

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 509

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Cross of Jesus

**1. For the bread which you have broken
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**3. With the saints who now adore you
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**2. By this promise that you love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord**

**4. In your service, Lord, defend us,
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us,
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

**Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924
Music: John Stainer, 1887**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
The Westminster Choir
Elder Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

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THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION with churches all across the world on this World Communion Sunday. This great Sacrament that united the Church Universal is celebrated with the prayer that, "they all may be one." Theology and liturgy are different across the Christian world, but the gathering around Christ's Table, where Christ is the host for the holy meal unites us as "one holy, apostolic and universal church".

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We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

... Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, *The Anglican Prayer Book*, 1662

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Cantor

Congregation

Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to God on High. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; we wor - ship You, we

give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther;

re - ceive our prayer. For you are the Ho - ly One,

You a - lone art the Lord, You a - lone art the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

A - - - - - men.