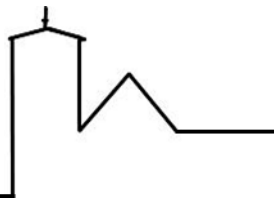


16th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 19)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Variations on Thaxted (O God, Beyond all Praising)

Tom Trenny

1. Introduction 2. Theme 3. Minuet 4. Berceuse

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the waters of life threaten to overwhelm us and we do not know the way ahead:

We cry out to God, our maker and our redeemer.

When the burdens of unforgiveness weigh heavily on our hearts:

We turn to the Lord, who is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in love.

Come, let us worship the God who leads us through the sea, pardons our faults, and heals our spirits.

We come with joy to praise God together.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to demand grace for ourselves yet slow to offer it to others. We keep careful tallies of the wrongs done to us, clinging to grudges and resentment. We fail to recognize the immense depth of your forgiveness toward us, and we limit the circle of our own mercy. Forgive us, Lord. Break our stubborn hearts, release us from our bitterness, and teach us to forgive seventy times seven, just as you have completely forgiven us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA in Excelsis Hymn 566

Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

*PSALM 114

When Israel Was Going Forth

Pisgah

Capo 5: (C) F (Dm) Gm (Em) Am



1 When Is - ra - el was go - ing forth from
2 to be God's ho - ly dwell - ing place, God's
3 The sea be - held and fled a - way; the
4 O sea, why did you run a - way? O
5 O trem - ble, earth, be - fore the Lord; the

(C) F (Am) Dm (G) C (F) Bb (C) F



out of E - gypt's land, and Ja - cob's house from
choice on Ju - dah fell, and there as God's do -
Jor - dan stopped its flow. The moun - tains skipped like
Jor - dan, why turn tide? You mounts and hills, like
God of Ja - cob fear; God made the rock a

(Am) Dm (Dm) Gm (G7) C7 (C) F



for - eign tongues they could not un - der - stand,
min - ion took God's cho - sen Is - ra - el.
rams; the hills like lambs skipped to and fro.
rams and lambs, why leap on ev - ery side?
wa - ter pool, the stone a foun - tain clear.

The events described in Psalm 114 form the essential elements of Israel's story: exodus, provision in the wilderness, entry into the promised land. These events were all the result of God's sovereignty, which not only amazes human beings but also evokes awe from creation.

TEXT: Aaron

MUSIC: *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2012

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PISGAH
CM

EPISTLE: Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Weak in Faith"

Rev. Chip Roland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(UNISON) (United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Cantate Domino

Hans Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus; annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus; in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

O sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise His Name; Be telling of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His honour unto the heathen; and His wonders unto all people.



SEALING THE WORD

COMMUNION

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body but to feed the soul.*

All: Take this bread, share this wine.

In these, Christ comes to us.

With love from God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*One: Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of generations.
There is great joy here. No one is turned away, for God is the host!*

SANCTUS Hymn 568

John Weaver

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sent them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you and went freely to his death so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from the dead and raise us as well to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and, with joy, celebrate the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. AMEN

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS Hymn 569

John Weaver

Christ has died.
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: On the night before he died.

All: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said:

One: "This is my body, the bread of life broken for you. Take and eat."

All: And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it, saying:

*One: "This is my blood, the cup of compassion spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Holy Spirit, send energy upon these gifts, your bread, and your cup. God of all, send your Spirit
to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence.
As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints and our sisters, siblings,
and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us, God, here and in every moment of our lives.
Help us...*

All: To know you. To be guided by the Holy Spirit. And to live Christ. Now and forever.

One: This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS *to the congregation*

Music during Communion

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

(See Hymn 504 for text)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Eternal God, we thank you for this sacred mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to go into the world empowered by your Spirit, to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Toccata on Hyfrydol

Craig Phillips

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Chip Roland

Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Kate Kortemeier, alto • Dan Stanley, tenor

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor • David Kortemeier, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano

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