



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with all

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Welcome:

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
+ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

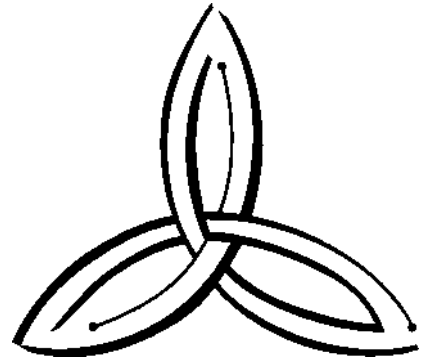
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Leader: Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

Assembly: **We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Assembly: **Amen.**

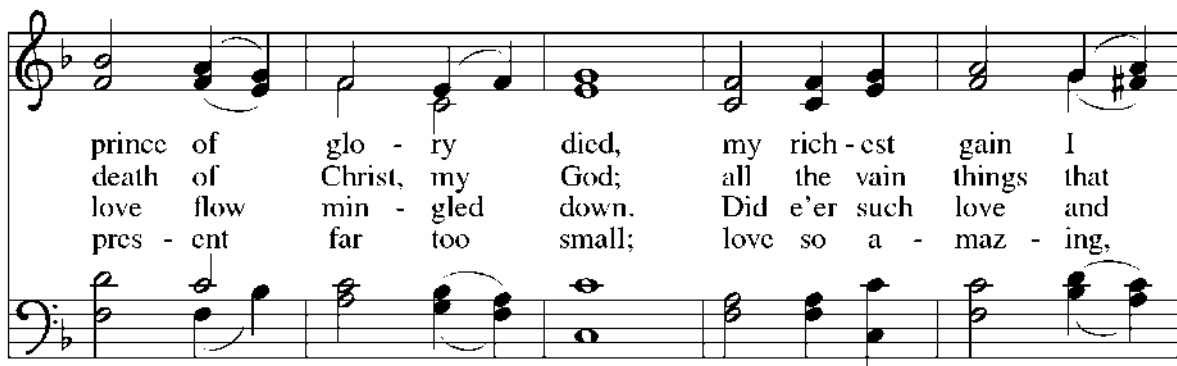


Opening Hymn:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: And also with you.

Kyrie:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two vocal parts: a **Leader** and an **Assembly**. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your".

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Hymn of Praise:

“Glory to God”

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

||) 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 the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☉ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

||) For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

||) you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Salutation:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

Leader: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Please be seated

Announcements

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
 my love-song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
 and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,

faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

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

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Message:

Matt Clark

Please stand

Hymn of the Day:

“Thine the Amen”



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the nail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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The Apostles Creed:

Leader: With the whole people of God, let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

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

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

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

He will come again 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.

Prayers of Intercession:

Leader: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Please kneel or be seated

(The Prayers of the Church are said)

Leader: God of grace; **Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: Amen.

Please stand

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

Assembly: And also with you.

Offering:

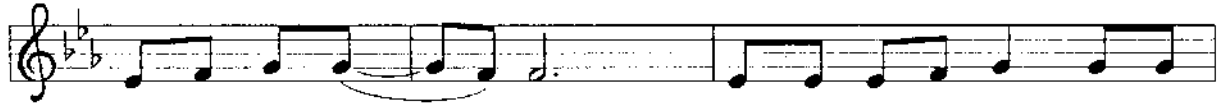
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Sebastian Temple

The Offertory:

“Create In Me”



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer:

Leader: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Assembly: **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.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Leader: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life
into being. For your Word of life, O God,

Assembly: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from
exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

Assembly: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your
self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

Assembly: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our
faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor
and glory forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

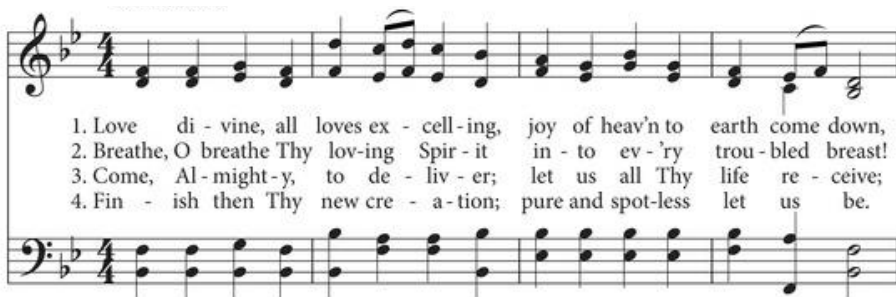
The Benediction:

Leader: 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.

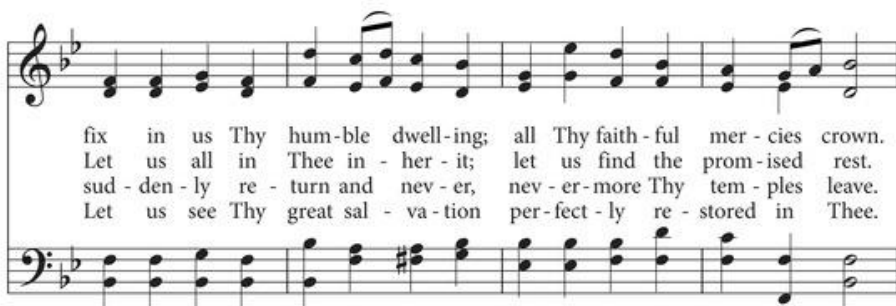
Assembly: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

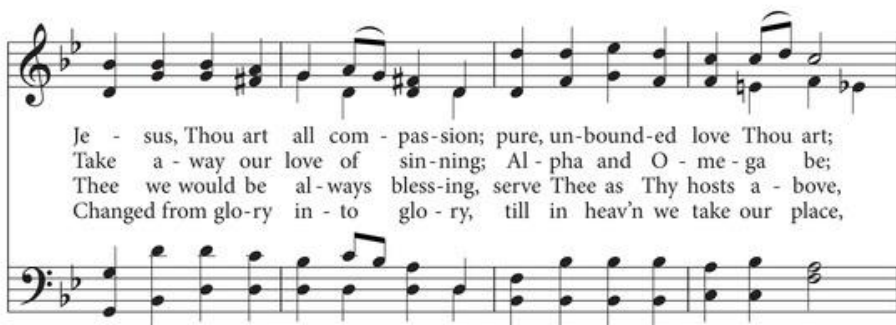
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



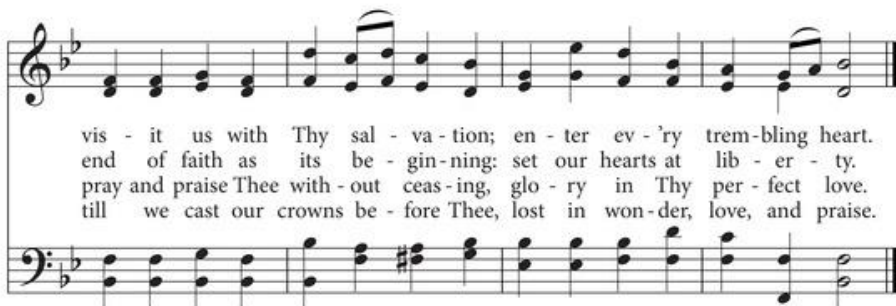
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be.



fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it; let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
end of faith as its be - gin - ning; set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.

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MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy Jesus Christ with all.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Flower Dedication

Today's flowers are given by Elsa M. Hoffman in loving memory of her mother, Elsa B. Hoffman, and her grandmother, Elsa E. Butler in memory of their mutual October birthday.

HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at office-assist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:

Joanne Barnhardt	Betty Jane Knittel	Leigh Richard
David Beyer	Elsie Kortrey	The Shollenberger Family
Mary Bolognese	George Kulczycky	Ursula Schwartz
The Chamberlain Family	The Kwartnik Family	Steve Schultz
Debbie Davis	John Soo Lee & Family	William Scott
Marge Devitt	Rose Letouille	Karen Specos
Cooper Durham	Maryanne Lorenzon	Karen Speers
Hunter Durham	Melissa Mooran	Sue Speers
Robert Emberger	Frank Munafo	John Swancott
Lindy Hughes	The Neborak Family	Jackie Strauss
Walt Humm	Bernadette Pence	Teresa Weber
Ted Hyczko	Lindsay Peterson	

Worship has ended, let the service begin!



St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement “to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others”, we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter’s.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

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