

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Day by Day

Rhonda R.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Confession

Faithful and just God,

We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change us, that we may know your abundant life in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty King!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord,
 Prophets burning with the word,
 Those to whom the arts belong
 Add their voices to the song.
 Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
 To the glorious circle draw;
 All who work and all who wait,
 Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old,
 Raise the anthem loud and bold,
 And let children's happy hearts
 In this worship take their parts;
 From the north to southern pole
 Let the mighty chorus roll:
 "Holy, Holy, Holy One;
 Glory be to God alone!"

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: *And also with you.*

Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 149-150

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

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Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
To God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.



Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.* So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, *This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.* Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*



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Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but 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. He 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, 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. But someone has testified somewhere, *What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, 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, 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.

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. For the

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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Gospel – Mark 10:2-16

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

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

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

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 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. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.* And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pr. Mandsager

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and
our cares.

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We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

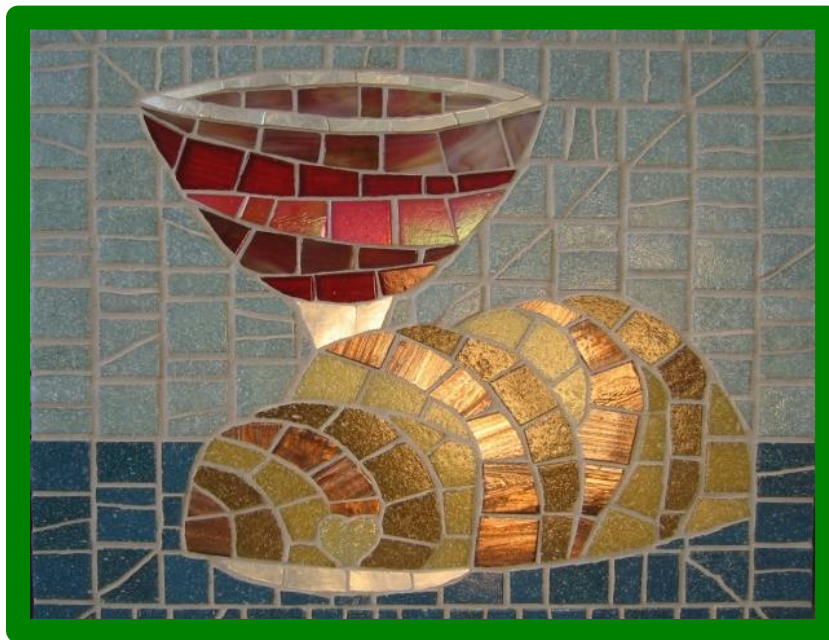
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Prayers of the Church

Canticle of the Sun
Saint Francis of Assisi

Offertory *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Rhonda R.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



Invitation and Instruction for Communion at Home

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW 835

All creatures, worship God most high!
 Sound every voice in earth and sky:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,
 Sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
 Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
 You grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,
 Make music for your Lord to hear: **Refrain:**

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
 Drive far the shadows, join the throng:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
 Praise God in colors bright and rare: **Refrain:**

All who for love of God forgive,
 All who in pain or sorrow grieve:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
 Still make your song amid the tears: **Refrain:**

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Rhonda R.

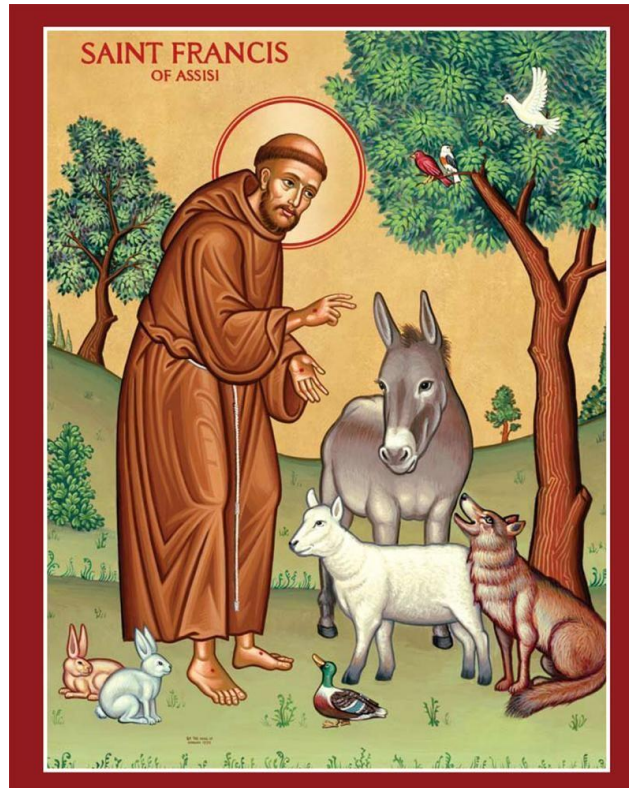
Prayer for Our NRC Family

Gracious Creator God, we ask you to keep watch over our NRC family and friends. We lift up to you the people we care about who are currently hospitalized or at home and pray for their well-being and recovery. We remember our friends and neighbors who have recently died. Be with their families as they mourn and grant them peace. Hold close to you our beloved whom we name silently and for whom we ask your blessing.

We offer all our prayers in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Feast of Saint Francis

Canticle of the Sun



I.

Most high, all-powerful, all good, Lord
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor
And all blessing.
To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy
To pronounce your name.

II.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you
have made,
And first my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; and light you give to us through him.
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

III.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright
And precious and fair.

IV.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which you cherish all that you have made.

V.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
Through whom you brighten up the night.
How beautiful is he, how merry! Full of power and strength.

VI.

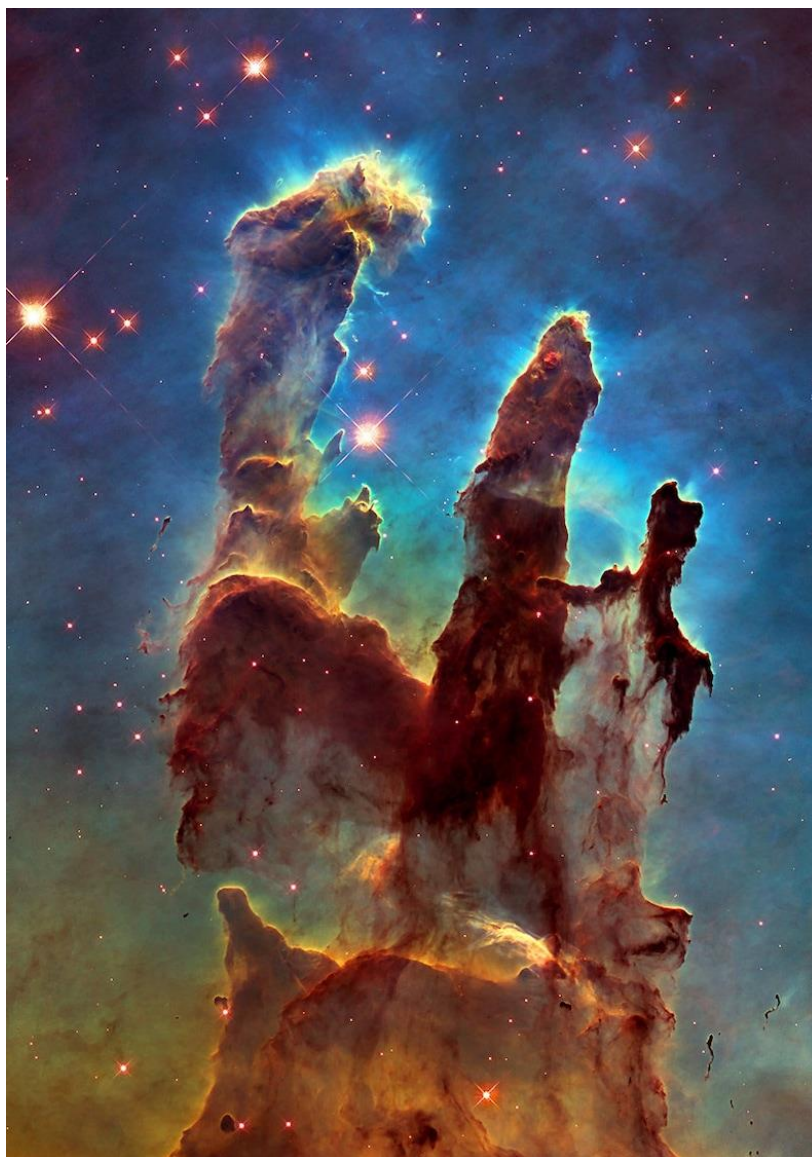
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our Mother,
Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces
Various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

VII.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon
For love of you; through those who endure
Sickness and trial.
Happy those who endure in peace,
By you, Most High, they will be crowned.

VIII.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death,
From whose embrace no mortal can escape.
How dreadful for those who die in sin!
How lovely for those found in Your Most Holy Will.
The second death can do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility. **Amen.**



The Pillars of Creation ~ Hubble Telescope



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