

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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.**

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
 Bear on their brows
 The seal of him who died. **Refrain:**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
 As thou hast promised,
 Draw us all to thee. **Refrain:**

So shall our song
 Of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain:**

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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.

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

The Church of Scotland

Creating God, we gather this day to worship You and offer
You our praise as we begin to see signs of the seasons
changing. Through the warmth of the days may we be
reminded of Your love for each one of us, Your children.
In the changing colors of the seasons, may we be reminded
of the diversity of Your world. As crops ripen and prepare
for harvest, may we be reminded of Your provision for us
day by day. Open our hearts and still our minds to receive
Your Word to us. Stir our imaginations and move us to
action as we pledge to pass on the gift of hope for the
world through our daily living and in the legacy we leave
for future generations. **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: *O Lord, I pray, save my life!*

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading – James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot

directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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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 8:27-3

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, *Who do people say that I am?* And they answered him, *John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.* He asked them, *But who do you say that I am?* Peter answered him, *You are the Messiah.* And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, *Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.*

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, *If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

Pr. Mandsager

Will You Come and Follow Me?

ELW 798

*Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name:
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
And you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
And you in me?*



*St. Francis Kisses
the Leper*

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*Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?*

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me.

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**Prayers of the Church/
Litany of Thanksgiving**

New Zealand Prayerbook, alt.
The Church of Scotland, alt.

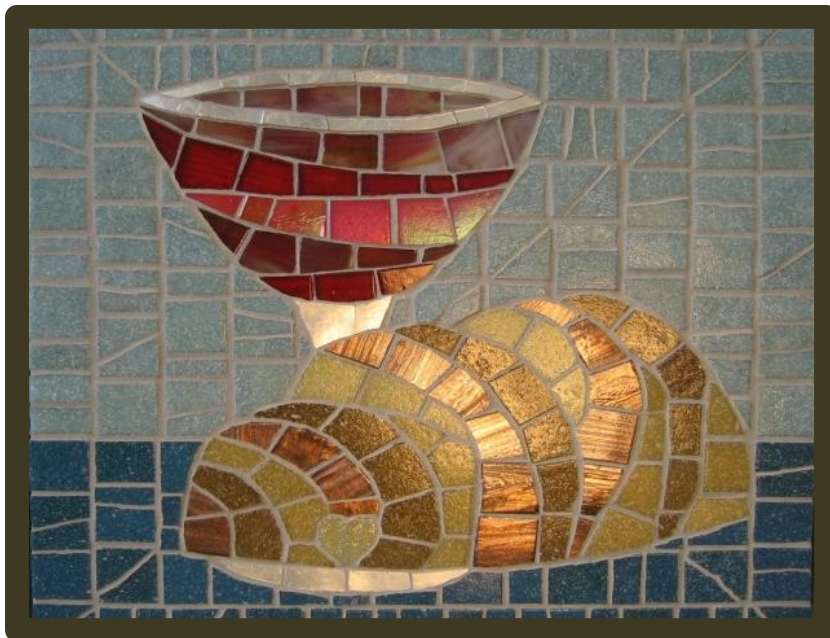
Offertory

Let Us Break Bread Together

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.

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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.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with thee;
 Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain:**

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Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

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