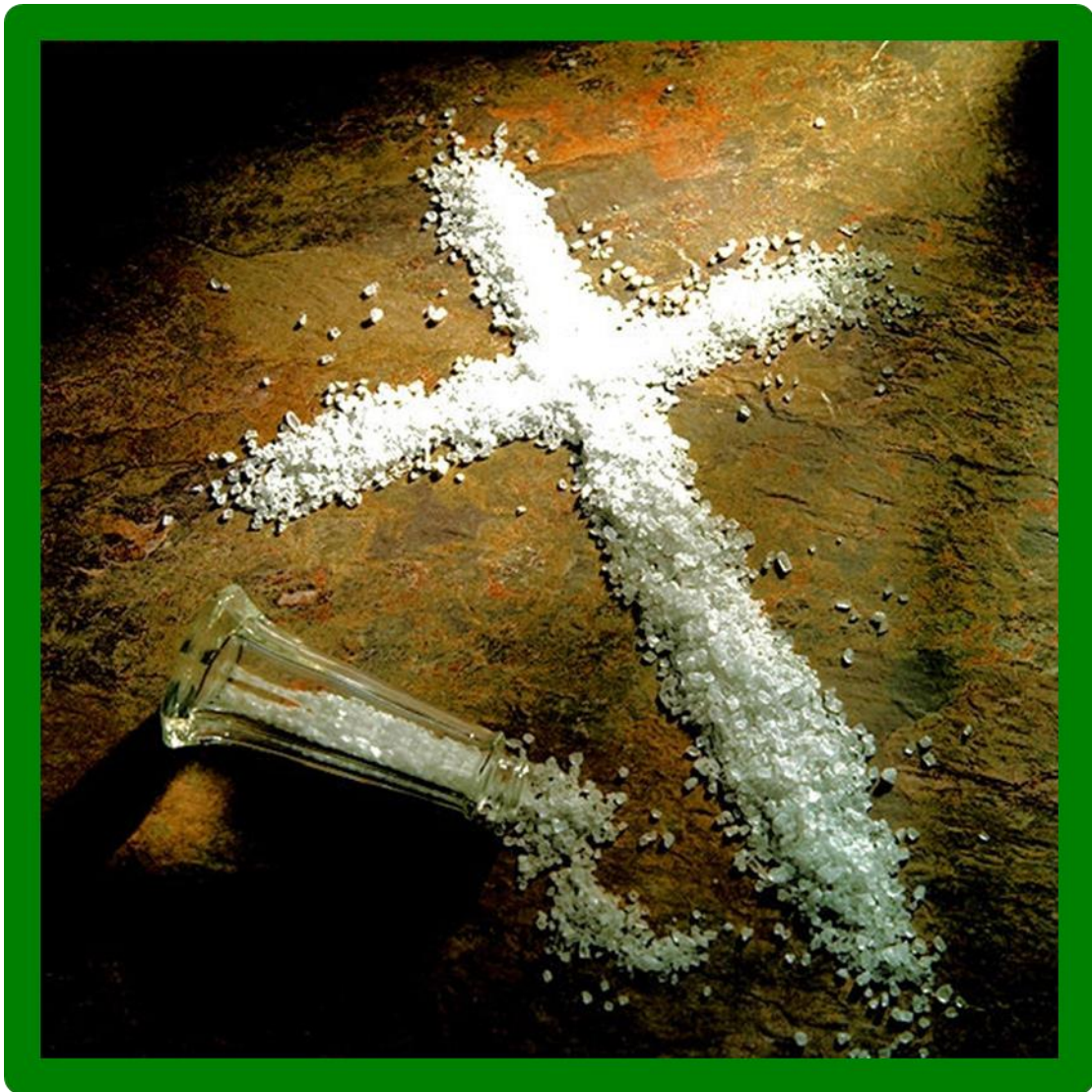


# **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 26, 2021      10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*Once Led to Your Font*

Rachel C.

**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.**

***To Be Your Presence***

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To be your presence is our mission here,  
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near,  
Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,  
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
To be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,  
 To speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
 To be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
 Alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
 To serve your people is our call and choice,  
 And in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
 Alleluia!

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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**

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## **Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
 Alleluia.**

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:**

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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

The heavens proclaim your glory, O God; and their voice goes through all the earth. Your law is perfect, Lord; more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey. O Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer.

Holy God, maker of all, we come to you in worship offering our praise and prayer in wonder at all you have made.

With all creation our voices rise to you and proclaim your enduring faithfulness. Come to us in the power of your life-giving Spirit and enliven our hearts and minds to respond in faith and trust to the knowledge of your love and grace. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **First Reading – Numbers 11:4-6; 10-16; 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, *If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.*

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, *Why have you treated your servant so badly?*

*Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,” to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people?*

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*For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.*

*So the Lord said to Moses, Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.*

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, *Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.* And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, *My lord Moses, stop them!* But Moses said to him, *Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

**Psalm 19:7-14**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**Second Reading – James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50****Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

John said to him, *Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us. But Jesus said, Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

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Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power  
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go.  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know and live.

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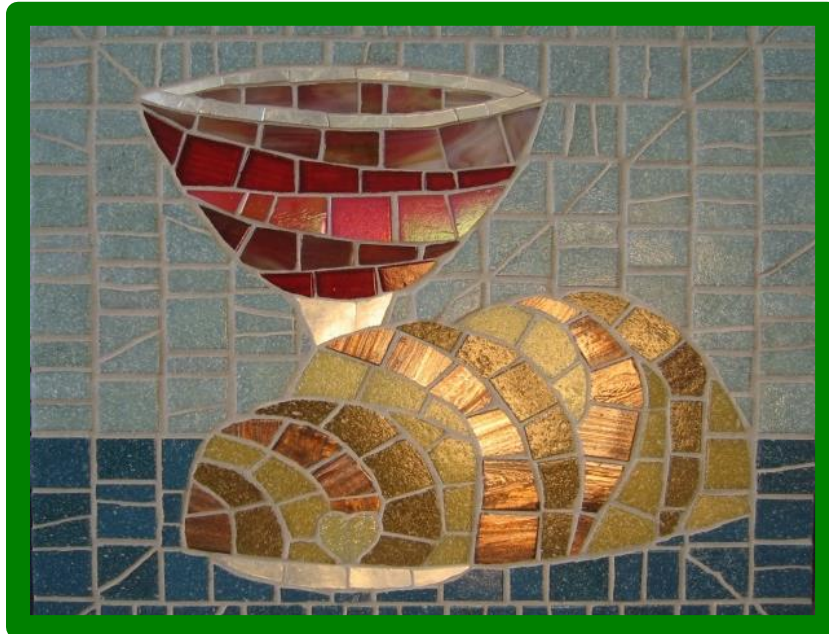
## **Prayers of the Church**

The Church of Scotland, alt.

**Offertory** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Rachel C.



# 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**      *We Come*      ELW 479  
*to the Hungry Feast*

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feat hungry for a world released  
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,  
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us;  
Still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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## **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.**

## ***How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord***

ELW 580

How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
When once we heed your call  
To live according to your word  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That you are Lord of all,  
And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find  
Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind  
And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care:  
Our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints become  
In hindrances more sure;  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
The casual way we wear your name,  
And by our faults obscure  
Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new,  
May we not cease to look to you,  
The cross you hung upon,  
All you endeavored done.

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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.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Psalm 19*

Rachel C.



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