

# **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 17, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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.**

***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?***

ELW 659

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

**Text:** Richard Gillard **Music:** Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham. Text and music © 1977 Scripture in Song, admin. Integrity Music.

## **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:**

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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading – Isaiah 53:4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light;

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he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, Word of Life.

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

### **Second Reading – Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, *You are my Son, today I have begotten you*; as he says also in another place, *You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek*. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation

for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

**Music:** Thomas Pavlechko. Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### **Gospel – Mark 10:35-45**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, *Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.* And he said to them, *What is it you want me to do for you?* And they said to him, *Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.* But Jesus said to them, *You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?* They replied, *We are able.* Then Jesus said to them, *The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.*

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When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, *You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pr. Mandsager

***On Eagle's Wings***

ELW 787

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under God's wings your refuge,  
With faithfulness your shield.   **Refrain:**



You need not fear the terror of the night,  
 Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
 Though thousands fall about you,  
 Near you it shall not come.   **Refrain:**

For to the angels God's given a command  
 To guard you in all of your ways;  
 Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
 Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 Make you to shine like the sun,  
 And hold you in the palm of his hand.  
 And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**Text:** Michael Joncas; **Music:** Michael Joncas; Text and music: © 1979 OCP Publications.

## **Prayers of the Church**

The Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, alt.

### **Offertory**

*Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

Lisa D.



## 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*      ELW, page 154

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.**

## *You Servants of God*

ELW 825

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,

And publish abroad his wonderful name;

The name all-victorious, of Jesus extol;

His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

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Then let us adore and give him his right,  
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

**Text:** Charles Wesley, alt.; **Music:** attr. Johann Michael Haydn

## 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**

*You Servants of God*

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**FOR CALLING THE SPIRIT BACK  
FROM WANDERING THE EARTH IN ITS HUMAN FEET  
~ Joy Harjo**

Put down that bag of potato chips, that white bread, that bottle of pop.

Turn off that cellphone, computer, and remote control.

Open the door, then close it behind you.

Take a breath offered by friendly winds. They travel the earth gathering essences of plants to clean.

Give it back with gratitude.

If you sing it will give your spirit lift to fly to the stars' ears and back.

Acknowledge this earth who has cared for you since you were a dream planting itself precisely within your parents' desire.

Let your moccasin feet take you to the encampment of the guardians who have known you before time, who will be there after time. They sit before the fire that has been there without time.

Let the earth stabilize your postcolonial insecure jitters.

Be respectful of the small insects, birds and animal people who accompany you.

Ask their forgiveness for the harm we humans have brought down upon them.

Don't worry.

The heart knows the way though there may be high-rises, interstates, checkpoints, armed soldiers, massacres, wars, and those who will despise you because they despise themselves.

The journey might take you a few hours, a day, a year, a few years, a hundred, a thousand or even more.

Watch your mind. Without training it might run away and leave your heart for the immense human feast set by the thieves of time.

Do not hold regrets.

When you find your way to the circle, to the fire kept burning by the keepers of your soul, you will be welcomed.

You must clean yourself with cedar, sage, or other healing plant.

Cut the ties you have to failure and shame.

Let go the pain you are holding in your mind, your shoulders, your heart, all the way to your feet.

Let go the pain of your ancestors to make way for those who are heading in our direction.

Ask for forgiveness.

Call upon the help of those who love you. These helpers take many forms: animal, element, bird, angel, saint, stone, or ancestor.

Call your spirit back. It may be caught in corners and creases of shame, judgment, and human abuse.

You must call in a way that your spirit will want to return.

Speak to it as you would to a beloved child.

Welcome your spirit back from its wandering. It may return in pieces, in tatters.

Gather them together. They will be happy to be found after being lost for so long.

Your spirit will need to sleep awhile after it is bathed and given clean clothes.

Now you can have a party. Invite everyone you know who loves and supports you. Keep room for those who have no place else to go.

Make a giveaway, and remember, keep the speeches short.

Then, you must do this: help the next person find their way through the dark.