

# ***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

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# Order of Worship

*The Bells of Taizé*

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun***

LBW 269

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
And hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will;  
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'enly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Text:** Thomas Ken; **Music:** François Barthélémon

## **Greeting & Response**

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.**

## Opening Words

### ***Come, Ye Disconsolate***

ELW 607

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
 Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
 Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
*Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
 Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;  
 Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
*Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.*

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing  
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
 Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
 Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

**Text:** Thomas Moore, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, st. 3; **Music:** Samuel Webbe, Sr.

## Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Ezekiel 18: 1-4; 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, *The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge*? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

### **Philippians 2: 1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and our failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sermon

Pr. Kristine

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

LBW 423

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.

**Text:** Albert F. Bayle, alt.; **Music:** The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia.

## **Prayers of the Church**

Richard Einerson, adapt.

### **Offering/Offertory**

*Let Us Talents and  
 Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
 Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
 Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
 Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

### **Refrain:**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
 Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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Christ is able to make us one,  
 At the table he sets the tone,  
 Teaching people to live to bless,  
 Love in word and in deed express.

**Refrain:**

**(Turn page)**

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Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!     **Refrain:**

**Text:** Fred Kaan; **Music:** Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set your table in the midst of a suffering world, through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



# HOLY COMMUNION

## Invitation

Come to the banquet table  
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

## The Meal

### *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

LBW 492

O Master, let me walk with you  
In lowly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me  
A closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

**(Turn page)**

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In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only you can give;  
With you, O Master, let me live.

**Text:** Washington Gladden; **Music:** H. Percy Smith

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:  
We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy  
mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart  
and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal  
joys prepared for all who love you and all whom you love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***How Firm a Foundation***

LBW 507

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

**Text:** J. Rippon, alt.; **Music:** Early American

## **Thank you and Announcements**

**We extend our deepest gratitude to  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
for their hospitality and assistance in  
bringing worship services to our  
NRC community.**

The worship bulletin for  
October 4  
will be published on the NRC website

[https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-  
services](https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services)

on Thursday, October 1.

## Blessing & Dismissal

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

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.

### Postlude

*Let Us Ever Walk  
with Jesus*

Marilyn Jacobson



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