



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

We worship today gathered in Spirit if not in body, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of loss and uncertainty. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit who knows no boundaries.

As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

PRELUDE

Holy Manna, by David Cherwien
Anne Maverick, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, and CONCERNS

SONG FOR CENTERING

Come and Fill our Hearts, Taizé

(sung through five times)

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Friends, let us seek God's strength in all times

and God's presence in all places, finding peace in it.

We will keep our eyes open for God,

remembering the world of wonder made by God's grace.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship. God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor

and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's realm. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

Exodus 16:2-15

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WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING OF GIFTS

During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

With hope in our hearts, we offer our gifts to you, O God, trusting that you will use them in work of your realm which welcomes all, loves all, needs all, and serves all. Amen.

CHARGE, AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go with God.

Alleluia and Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

Panis Angelicus

by Cesar Franck, arranged by Richard Walters

Kelly Kerr, baritone

Anne Maverick, organ

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum;
o res mirabilis!*

*Manducat Dominum pauper,
pauper servus et humilis.*

*Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind;
bread from the angelic host that is the end of all imaginings;*

Oh, miraculous thing!

*This body of God will nourish even the poorest,
the most humble of servants.*

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