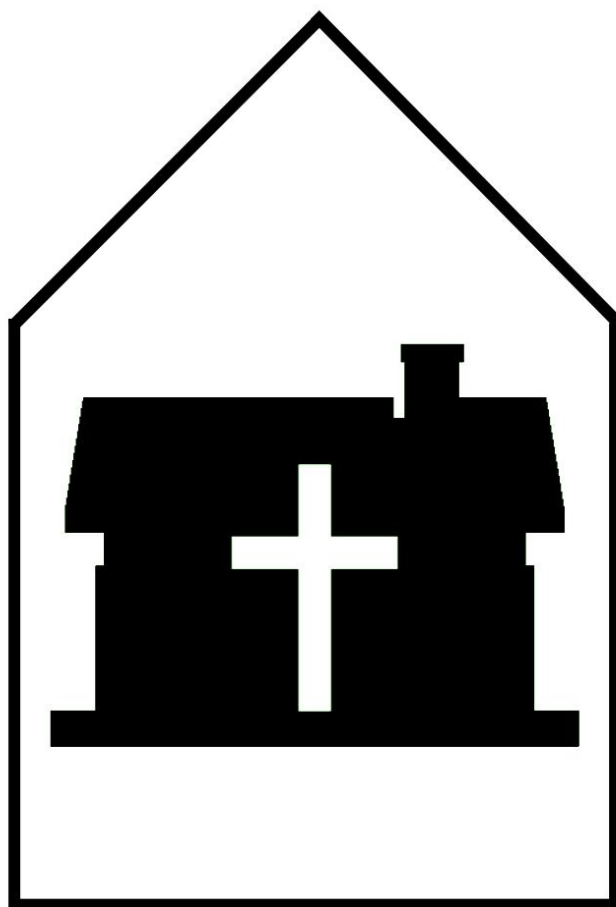


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# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 1, 2024

### Opening Prayer

### Liturgy for the King of Creation

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You are the God of Justice, the God of Wisdom, the God of Mercy, the God of Redemption.  
**You are the Lord of Love.**

All of this is true. But our thoughts of you are still too few, for our minds are too small to conceive of them all, let alone to contain them.

**You were before all things, you created all things, and in you all things are held together. There is no corner of creation you will fail to redeem.**

You are Lord of Lords, and King of Kings,  
**O Jesus Christ, our King of Everything.**  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft,

murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

...Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **Sending**

May the God of faith bless you with the joy and peace of believing.  
Go in peace, make peace wherever you go. Go in peace, serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 8, 2024

### Opening Prayer

### Liturgy for the King of Creation

Our thoughts of you, O Lord, have been too small, too few-  
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**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”



## Sermon

## Musical Offering

## Prayers of Intercession

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let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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**Amen.**

## **Sending**

May the God of faith bless you with the joy and peace of believing.  
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**Thanks be to God.**

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 15, 2024

### Opening Prayer

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**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>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?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>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.”

<sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>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.”

## Sermon

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## Prayers of Intercession

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# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 22, 2024

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**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**



## Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

...Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **Sending**

May the God of faith bless you with the joy and peace of believing.  
Go in peace, make peace wherever you go. Go in peace, serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 29, 2024

### Opening Prayer

### Liturgy for the King of Creation

Our thoughts of you, O Lord, have been too small, too few-  
For seldom we have considered how specific is the exercising of your authority,  
Extending as it does into the myriad particulars of creation.

**There is no quarter over which you are not king.**

And as creation hurtles toward its liberation and redemption, the full implications of your deep Lordship are yet to be revealed in countless facets unconsidered:

**Christ, you are the Snow King. You are the Maker of All Weathers.**

**You are The King of Sunlight and Storms, The King of Grey Skies and Rain.**

**You are the Rain King, The Sun King, The Hurricane King.**

**You are the King of Autumn and King of Spring.**

And our thoughts of you, O Lord, have been too small, too few.

The old and impotent gods our ancestors once believed in were, at their best, but imperfect pictures of you, whose strength and goodness and creative majesty and wonderful mystery and love exceed those old rumors as sunlight exceeds the tiny dimness of stars reflected in a dark and wavering pool.

The fairy tails crafted by our old cultures, hinted at you, though they knew it not. Yet they're perfect princes and blessed ends, were yearnings for all that has found fulfillment in you.

**You are Lord of the Harvest. The Grain King, The Wine King, The God of Plenty, The God of Health and Home. You are The Hill King, The Wildflower King, King of the Great Bears, King of Canyons.**

You are The Monarch of Meadows, The Lord of the Lava Fields, Ruler of the Desert Wastes, The Polar King, The Rainbow King, The King of the Southern Cross, and the King of the Northern Lights.

**You are the King of the Rabbits, and The Lord of Tall Trees. You are the God of Youth and the God of Age. You are The Acorn King, The River God, The Swamp King, King of Glades, King of Dells, Ruler of all Hummingbirds.**

You are The Horse Lord, the Crag King, Lord of the Bees, King of the Walruses, Commander of Rhinos, Lord of the Lightning Bugs,

**Cave Lord, Mountain King, Ruler of the Grassy Plains, God of the Valleys.**

You are the Captain of the Clouds, The Wolf King, The King of the Cockatoos.

**And our thoughts of you, O Lord, have been too small, too few.**

For your claim over creation is vast. You are the Lord of Antarctica, The King of California, The King of the Scottish Hills, and The King of the Nile.

**You are the weaver of the unseen fabrics of the world. You are Lord of the Atoms, The Ruler of Electrons, The Lord of Gravity, and The King of Quarks.**

Your dominion enfolds of the Earth and rises beyond it to the furthest extremes of the stars. You are Lord of the Vast Empty Spaces. You are The King of the Constellations, The Black Hole King, Lord of Novas Exploding, Lord of Speeding Light, High King of Galaxies, King of Orion, King of the Moon.

**And still, even still, our thoughts of you have been too small, too few.**

You are the God of Justice, the God of Wisdom, the God of Mercy, the God of Redemption.  
**You are the Lord of Love.**

All of this is true. But our thoughts of you are still too few, for our minds are too small to conceive of them all, let alone to contain them.

**You were before all things, you created all things, and in you all things are held together. There is no corner of creation you will fail to redeem.**

You are Lord of Lords, and King of Kings,  
**O Jesus Christ, our King of Everything.**  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>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.

<sup>42</sup>“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. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>47</sup>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, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>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.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

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By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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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.**

## **Sending**

May the God of faith bless you with the joy and peace of believing.  
Go in peace, make peace wherever you go. Go in peace, serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, October 6, 2024

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 8)

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

**O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### Prayer

### Liturgy for Worship

Holy and gracious God,  
**we gather in the abundance of Your love.**

Master of the universe,  
**we offer thanks for the splendor and majesty of Your creation.**

Almighty King,  
**we come before You this morning turning our hearts and minds to what You have done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord.**

As we join in the sacred act of worship, Lord we know that You are in our midst as we gather. **You have led your people throughout all of time, on arks, across deserts, and in the hidden Christian communities of the 1st century. Lord we know that You are with us today in the 21st century, as we continue the task of the faithful throughout all generations—to be an outpost of your kingdom and love all those that we meet.**

Be with us as we pray.  
**Hear the meditations and wants of our hearts.**

Guide us as we learn.  
**Open the power of Your word to us through scripture, psalm, and liturgy.**

Hold us in Your compassion.

**Gather us in Your presence, for You know no bounds of distance or space. You are with us where we are, know us for who we are, and love us as we are.**

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, bestowing on you the gifts of peace and joy as we join our hearts in worship this day, and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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## **Dedicating Our Diverse Offerings to the Lord**

O Christ, who freely receives from our hands and hearts all that we freely offer,  
Receive and consecrate now all that we have and are.

You prepare us for our labors.

**We give You thanks.**

You gift us for our callings.

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You call us to join you in your labors.

**We worship You.**

Now take these our many labors, and also the fruits of our labors, and use them for Your  
good purposes, O God-

**for works of justice and mercy,  
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for all good works that illuminate or establish Your Kingdom among us, O Christ,  
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**Amen.**

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For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace, make peace wherever you go.  
Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

# Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, October 13, 2024

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 91)

So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

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### Prayer

### Liturgy for Worship

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**Gather us in Your presence, for You know no bounds of distance or space. You are with us where we are, know us for who we are, and love us as we are.**

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, bestowing on you the gifts of peace and joy as we join our hearts in worship this day, and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 10:17-31**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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**Amen.**

## **Sending**

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# Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, October 20, 2024

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 91)

Those who love God, God will deliver;  
God will protect those who know His name.  
**Because we have made the Lord our refuge,  
the Most High our dwelling place.**

For God will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
**Because we have made the Lord our refuge,  
the Most High our dwelling place.**

With long life God will satisfy you,  
and show them us salvation.  
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### Prayer

### Liturgy for Worship

Holy and gracious God,  
**we gather in the abundance of Your love.**

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generations—to be an outpost of your kingdom and love all those that we meet.**

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May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, bestowing on you the gifts of peace and joy as we join our hearts in worship this day, and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Gospel – Mark 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup>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.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>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?” <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>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.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace, make peace wherever you go.  
Go in peace, and serve the Lord.



# Day of Reformation

## Sunday, October 27, 2024

### Call To Worship (from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Gospel - John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

### Sermon

### Musical Offering

## Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's of creation.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your creation; for mountains, rivers, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing of mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen places of healing to be holy and renewing, that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

Holy God,  
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,  
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,  
your living Word undergirds all that lives.

**We praise your eternal Word.**

In the words of the scriptures you offer us Christ:  
our refuge, our savior, our friend,  
accompanying us throughout our years  
and renewing us in love.

**We praise Jesus, your Word.**

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.  
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,  
in devotion to your Word,  
and in service to others.

**We pray for the Spirit of your Word.**

To you be honor and praise and glory,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **Blessing**

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Day of All Saints

## Sunday, November 3, 2024

### Call To Worship (from Psalm 24)

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Gospel - Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### Sermon

### Musical Offering

## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us join with believers across all time and space in the words of the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

We give you thanks for social ministries of the church around the world and for every ministry that heals, lifts up, and empowers those who are poor, oppressed, abused, abandoned, or ignored. Build up your ministries and prosper all works of mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those saints who came before us. Let us rejoice in their lives, and be with those who mourn their loss. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for leaders who seek peace for all nations and lead efforts toward greater justice. Accompany all who suffer the wounds of war, with veterans who carry battle scars from the past, and all who promote peace today. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

Holy God,  
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,  
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,  
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.

**For your Word of life, we give thanks.**

We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,  
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways.  
When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,  
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.

**For your Word of promise, we praise you.**

Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.  
Upheld by the voice of your Word,  
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,  
serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.

**For your Word of power, we plead.**

Abide with us in your Word, O God,  
that we may speak your blessing to others,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.**

## **Blessing**

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, November 10, 2024

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 146)

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

### Prayer

### Liturgy for Worship

Holy and gracious God,  
**we gather in the abundance of Your love.**

Master of the universe,  
**we offer thanks for the splendor and majesty of Your creation.**

Almighty King,  
**we come before You this morning turning our hearts and minds to what You have done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord.**

As we join in the sacred act of worship, Lord we know that You are in our midst as we gather. **You have led your people throughout all of time, on arks, across deserts, and in the hidden Christian communities of the 1st century. Lord we know that You are with us today in the 21st century, as we continue the task of the faithful throughout all generations— to be an outpost of your kingdom and love all those that we meet.**

Be with us as we pray.  
**Hear the meditations and wants of our hearts.**

Guide us as we learn.  
**Open the power of Your word to us through scripture, psalm, and liturgy.**

Hold us in Your compassion.  
**Gather us in Your presence, for You know no bounds of distance or space. You are with us where we are, know us for who we are, and love us as we are.**



May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, bestowing on you the gifts of peace and joy as we join our hearts in worship this day, and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

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## **Sermon**

### **Musical Offering**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

...Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Dedicating Our Diverse Offerings to the Lord**

O Christ, who freely receives from our hands and hearts all that we freely offer,  
Receive and consecrate now all that we have and are.

You prepare us for our labors.

**We give You thanks.**

You gift us for our callings.

**We give You praise.**

You call us to join you in your labors.

**We worship You.**

Now take these our many labors, and also the fruits of our labors, and use them for Your  
good purposes, O God-

**for works of justice and mercy,  
for works of charity and generosity,  
for works of truth and beauty,**

for all good works that illuminate or establish Your Kingdom among us, O Christ,  
for all good works that make Your glories known.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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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,  
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who trespass against us;  
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but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace, make peace wherever you go.  
Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

# Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, November 17, 2024

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 16)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

### Prayer

### Liturgy for Worship

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Master of the universe,  
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Almighty King,  
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As we join in the sacred act of worship, Lord we know that You are in our midst as we gather. **You have led your people throughout all of time, on arks, across deserts, and in the hidden Christian communities of the 1st century. Lord we know that You are with us today in the 21st century, as we continue the task of the faithful throughout all generations— to be an outpost of your kingdom and love all those that we meet.**

Be with us as we pray.  
**Hear the meditations and wants of our hearts.**

Guide us as we learn.  
**Open the power of Your word to us through scripture, psalm, and liturgy.**

Hold us in Your compassion.

**Gather us in Your presence, for You know no bounds of distance or space. You are with us where we are, know us for who we are, and love us as we are.**

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, bestowing on you the gifts of peace and joy as we join our hearts in worship this day, and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel – Mark 13:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

## **Sermon**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

...Lord in your mercy,

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## **Lord's Prayer**

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who trespass against us;  
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but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace, make peace wherever you go.  
Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

# Christ the King

## Sunday, November 24, 2024

### Call To Worship (from Psalm 93)

The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
God's throne is established from of old;  
God is from everlasting.

**The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.

**The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves[a] of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!

**The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Gospel - John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### Sermon

## Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,  
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God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
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‡ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
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## **Dismissal**

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**Thanks be to God.**