

DISMISSAL

Now that we have heard the story and know the story...

Let us go into the world to tell the story and live the story!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayers



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Bill Rogers, Ardi Scarborough, Maleyna Klinedinst, Gerry Steg, Shirley Watkins, Julie Hastings, Clara Westphal, Philip & Marie Kramer, Betty Hedgepeth, Lynda Gehrig, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, Cynthia Kraemer, Ann Powell, and Pat Becker

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

PRELUDE Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Pierce Dickens

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly stands or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

GATHERING SONG Great is Thy Faithfulness 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; Refrain there is no shadow of turning with thee; Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy thou changest not, faithfulness! thy compassions they fail not; Morning by morning new mercies I see; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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 THE CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. (Spoken in place) And also with you.

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING FOR OFFERINGS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us many gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with an abundant harvest, and send us forth to share our blessings in the midst of a suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

The assembly may be seated.

SENDING SONG Give Me Jesus 770

1 In the morning when I rise, Refrain in the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. in the morning when I rise, You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. give me Jesus. 2 Dark midnight was my cry, 3 Just about the break of day, dark midnight was my cry, just about the break of day, dark midnight was my cry, just about the break of day, give me Jesus. Refrain give me Jesus. Refrain 4 Oh, when I come to die, 5 And when I want to sing, oh, when I come to die, and when I want to sing, oh, when I come to die, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. Refrain give me Jesus. Refrain

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HYMN OF THE DAY *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* **358**

- 1** Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2** We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3** Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4** Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5** Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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APOSTLES' 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 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.**

2 Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses
Above join with all nature in manifold
Witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy,
and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! **Refrain**

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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.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10--4:11

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

Psalm is read responsively. The assembly speaks the bold print.

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Spoken)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON