

+ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021



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+ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus in glory, leading to a teaching about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, as St. Andrew returns to worship in the sanctuary:

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required at all times for everyone over the age of two (2) the only exception being the brief moment of moving mask aside to partake in Holy Communion.
- Outside food and drink are thus not permissible during worship.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- We invite the congregation to voice responses and prayers during worship. A cantor will sing the hymns with a mask on, and the rest of the congregation is encouraged to follow along silently.
- We ask that everyone use hand sanitizer, either your own or from the bottles throughout the sanctuary, especially prior to Holy Communion.

Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the one who made us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.
C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kin-dom of God.

> We ask that those present in the church sanctuary refrain from singing the hymns aloud. The assembly gathered from afar is encouraged to sing!

v. 1, 3

- 1 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.
- 3 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.

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, in your greatness you bring goodness to all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your dominion, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 53: 4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore 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.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – Hebrews 5: 1-10

¹Every 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. ²The priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So 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";

⁶as God says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)

C: Alleluia. The Son of Humanity came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia.

Gospel – Mark 10: 35-45

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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."

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine v. 1-2

ELW 804

- Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

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Prayers of the People

P: Freed by God in Christ Jesus to love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*After each petition*P: God of mercy,**C: Receive our prayer.**

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to your care all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated while the table is being prepared. We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.

An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to offer gifts as you leave worship today.

Meal

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.
God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal your whole creation,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore To you, O Triune God, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: 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.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- Please use hand sanitizer prior to receiving Communion.
- We will not be kneeling at the altar rail due to the need for physical distancing.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- The Communion wafers (regular and gluten-free) have been thoughtfully prepared using the gifts of the congregation by a member of St. Andrew's altar care team, with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. The presiding minister will distribute one to each communicant from the ciborium using sanitary tongs.
- When you reach the presiding minister, please indicate if you would like grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.
- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament, following physical distancing guidelines.
- Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your place to consume the elements, and then promptly replace your mask.

Hymn during Holy Communion How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and life itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.
- 3 We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure;

whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our faults obscure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you, the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.

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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **C: Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding MinisterL: LectorC: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

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