



**+ Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**Order for Worship**

*Are we able to pray the way Bartimaeus prays?  
People try to silence him because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David,”  
he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king.  
Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be?  
Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly.  
Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question,  
“What do you want me to do for you?”*

***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!*

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;  
with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way.  
Have mercy, Lord.
  
- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;  
may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name.  
Have mercy, Lord.
  
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath.  
Have mercy, Lord.

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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.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face,  
and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading – Jeremiah 31: 7-9

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading – Hebrews 7: 23-28

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but [Christ] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## **Gospel Acclamation** (*Spoken*)

**C: Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack,  
and save me for the heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel – Mark 10: 46-52**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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      O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate  
v. 1-3**

***ELW 722***

- 1    O Christ, your heart, compassionate,  
bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God;  
its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.**
  
- 2    As once you welcomed those cast down  
and healed the sick, the blind,**

so may all bruised and broken lives  
through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep  
that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain  
as though it were our own.

**3 O Christ, create new hearts in us  
that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart,  
become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ;  
our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry  
your love may be revealed.**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., b. 1923. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. I. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833. Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-722139.

## **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.*
- *Worshippers 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**

### **Just As I Am, without One Plea**

*ELW 592*

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Text: Charlotte Elliot, 1789-1871. Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

*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 Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***

*Those serving in worship today*

Prelude and Hymnody

Cantor

Lector

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Director of Faith Formation

Presiding Minister

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