

**Order of Worship
for
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 15, 2023**

**HYMN
“How Great Thou Art”
ELW 856**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Please, feel free to pass the peace as you feel comfortable!

HYMN OF PRAISE
(from the ELW, pages 140-141)
**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER

Let us pray:

*Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out
your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is
honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and
peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.

SONG

“There is None Like You”

READING

Philippians 4:1-9

**The lesson is from the letter of Paul to the Philippians,
chapter four, verses one through nine.**

Paul writes:

¹ *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.*

² *I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.* ³ *Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.*

⁴ *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* ⁵ *Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.* ⁶ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷ *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

⁸ *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* ⁹ *As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

**The Gospel reading is from Matthew,
chapter twenty-two, verses one through fourteen.**

Matthew writes:

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Dressed for the Party”

Pastor Steve Albertin

*God's having a party, and we're invited! But, what should we wear? Let's join
Pastor Steve as he explores this with the kids!*

MESSAGE

“Let’s Party”

Pastor Steve Albertin

Jesus loved to talk about parties and go to parties as a way to demonstrate what God was up to in Him.

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a party that a King was determined to throw no matter what.

But to everyone’s surprise this is party for everyone both good and bad. God’s grace is not a “matching grant.”

But a guy gets bounced from the party because he did not dress for the occasion. He came in his own clothes instead of the wedding robe.

Does that mean we HAVE TO do something? No. We GET TO dress up in Christ and put on the wedding robe God has provided with the invitation.

Does that mean God welcomes us to the party just as we are?

No. We will never get into the party without being dressed up. The good news is that God has included dress-up clothes with the invitation, Christ.

Let’s dress up and party!

HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW 785

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.

As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

OFFERING

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HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

ELW 692

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers.

Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made.

If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

For those worshipping in-house,
*we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.*

For those joining us online,
*If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus the Christ.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

**SONG
"My Tribute"**

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God's peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

SONG
“Front Seat. Back Seat”

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