

† HOME SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER †
9th Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

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INVOCATION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT (*from Psalm 104*)

P Praise the Lord, O my soul. He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

C **They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

P The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.

C **He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of His work.**

P How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

C **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small.**

P These all look to You to give them their food at the proper time.

C **When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and lay in Him your care.

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Heavenly Father, though we are not always mindful of Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus] withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;
let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Confident of God's care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P Holy God, You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May Your church trust that what You bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You offer Yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring prophetic vision to its fullness, that all nations will run to You and that those who do not know You will find their joy in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of those who cry to You, and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially all on our prayer line and those we remember before You now (*pause*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend Your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You gather Your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known, especially those most dear to us. Bring us with all Your saints to the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from Your love, we offer these prayers to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want to more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;

be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;

I will ever give to Thee.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

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Special thanks to our additional participant in today’s service:

Lector Chris Clark



*Byzantine floor mosaic in Tabgha, Israel
(traditional site where Jesus fed the 5,000)*

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