

THE NOON SERVICE

Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Proper 26, Year C RCL

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WELCOME

Community responses are in bold.

GATHERING SONG *(Please stand.)*

"Open my Heart" by Ana Hernandez

Open my heart, open my heart
Open my heart, open my heart!

OPENING PRAYER

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

You can find the readings insert of your bulletin.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

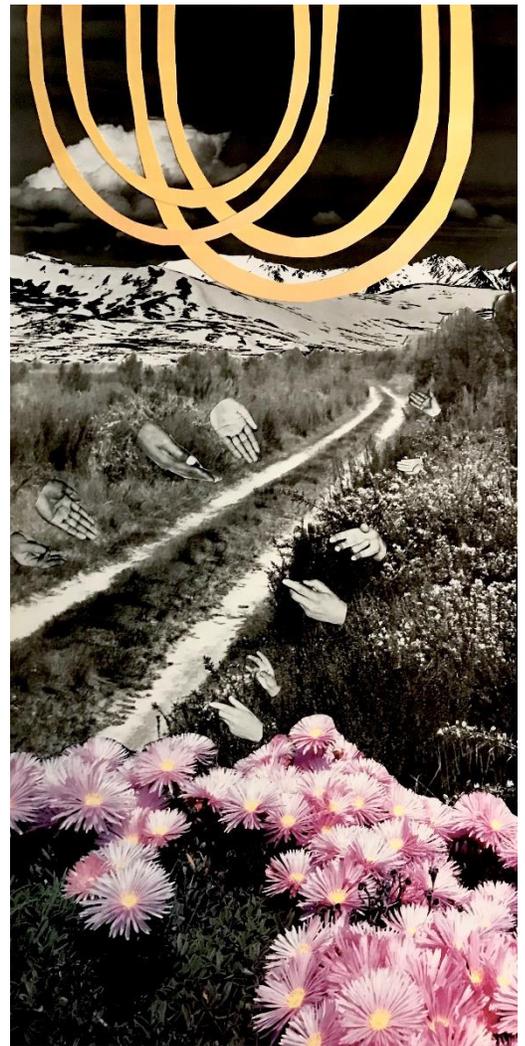
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;



cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (32:1-8)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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A Reading from Second Thessalonians (1:1-4, 11-12)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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ALLELUIA *(Please stand, if you are able, for the singing of Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel)*

The Gospel According to Luke (19:1-10)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of Christ, Holy One in our midst. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Please be seated after the reading. Now, a brief reflection is offered and all are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgment. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (rather than react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Seek to befriend the silence between spoken words. If we disagree: may we disagree gracefully; may we be challenged and yet inspired; may we be uncomfortable and yet awakened; and may the Spirit guide us.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Officiant: Let us pray for the church and for the world:

Lord God, Creator of all, in your wisdom, you have bound us together so that we must depend on others for what we eat, the resources we use, the gifts of your creation that bring life, health, and joy.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the hands that sew our clothes so that we do not have to go naked; sacred be the hands that build our homes so that we do not have to be cold; blessed are the hands that work the land so that we do not have to go hungry.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the feet of all who labor so that we might have rest; sacred be the feet of all who run swiftly to stand with the oppressed; blessed be the feet of all whose bodies are too broken and weary to stand.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the sound of children laughing to take away our sorrow; sacred be the sound of the water falling to take away our thirst; blessed be the sound of your people singing to heal our troubled hearts.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Officiant: We pray specifically for those in our community who have requested prayer. We pray for [...]. We also invite this community to name anyone they are holding in prayer this week... (silently or aloud).

All: Holy be the bodies of those who hunger; sacred be the bodies of those who are broken; blessed be the bodies of those who suffer. In Your mercy and grace, O Christ, soften our callous hearts and fill us with gratitude for all the gifts you have given us, today. In your love, break down the walls that separate us and guide us along your path of peace, that we might humbly live in you. Amen

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tradition of our ancient faith, and as a prophetic practice for our bodies and for the world, we offer peace and reconciliation to each other as we prepare to break bread together. You are invited to shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or something similar.

It is not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the very peace of the Lord Jesus Christ that is with us now. Let us share it with each other... The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

TIME of OFFERING and SONG

By this practice, we embody a creative and collective economic practice in our community. The basket will be passed but it is already filled. If you need money, know someone who does or want to go find someone who does, please take some. The invitation is to give OR receive. If you do put cash in, know that it will be in this basket for someone who needs it.

"Bless the Lord, My Soul" Taize Community

**Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life**

THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand to sing the Doxology)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise (Father/Mother), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the universe, you speak in the darkness, bringing song out of silence, dance out of stillness, life out of death. It is your life that fills us now. Sustainer of the covenant, you send us messengers to give voice to your radical and constant love. You speak through hungry women, outcast men, the poor and impure. You choose what is despised to make us whole. A homeless girl bears Jesus, your blessing, who turns the whole world upside down. He transforms the temple, laughs at the powerful, kisses sinners, and heals the unclean. He breaks open the prisons, frees slaves, feasts with the starving, and breaks bread with strangers. Loving each body as God's own, he teaches us to walk in the way of compassion. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice in the eternal song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
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.**

On the night before his friends betrayed him and his enemies took him away to be killed, Jesus shared supper with them all. He took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me."

All: Life-giving Mother, you raised Jesus in glory from the tomb. Now show us his body alive in all people. Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus. Open our hearts to your Spirit enlivening us. Heal us, inspire us and give us your power, so we may live as Jesus lives and love as Jesus loves.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

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.

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

BREAKING of the BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread. *(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION and SONG

All are welcome to this table, for real, we mean everyone! The gifts of God are free and for you. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available-just ask.

“Table of Plenty” by Dan Schutte

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth

Come to the table of plenty

God will provide for all that we need

Here at the table of plenty

O come and eat without money

Come to drink without price

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit

With faith and fullness of life *(refrain)*

O come and sit at my table

Where saints and sinners are friends

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely

To share the cup of my love *(refrain)*

My bread will ever sustain you

Through days of sorrow and war

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness

To flood the depths of your soul *(refrain)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“Sing a New World into Being” text by Mary Louise Bringle

Sing a new world into being

Sound a bold and hopeful theme

Find a tune for silent yearnings

Lend your voice and dare to dream:

dream a church where all who worship

find their lives and loves belong

Sing a new world into being

Sing as Christ inspires your song

Sing a new world into being

where each gender, class, and race

brings its rainbow gifts and colors

to God’s limitless embrace;

where the lines that once divided

form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:

risk transforming heart and mind

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve world! **Amen!**

Please join us for lunch directly following the service!



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