



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Four

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prelude

Jays & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C. Amen

P. Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Steadfast and faithful God,

C. you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation,
forgive us.**

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P. Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

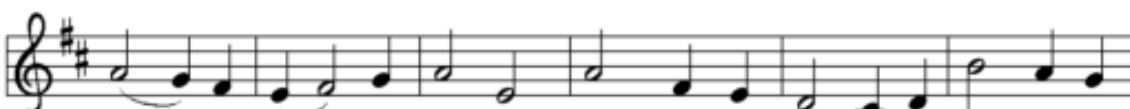
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain the
shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all
nations; he will swallow up death
forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our
God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have
waited; let us be glad and rejoice in
his salvation.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**



The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not¹ be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹side still waters.

You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.

Second Reading

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

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be
of the same mind in the Lord. 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 co-workers, whose names are in the
book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will
say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known
to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

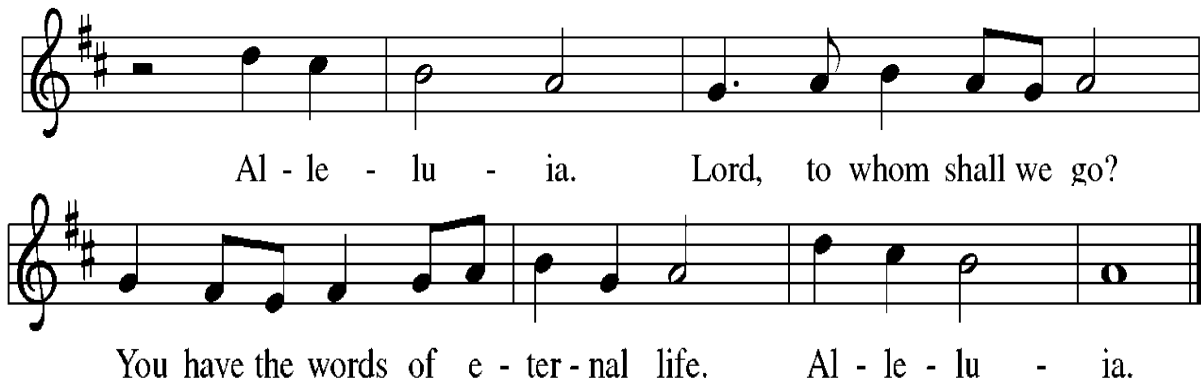
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have
learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



P. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 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.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 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.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. 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.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.



The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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



Prayers of Intercession

A. Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem

You Are Holy

Choir

Let the Vineyards...



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

- P. Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.
C. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Do this in
remembrance
of me



Communion Music

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

Post Communion Blessing

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.
C. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

A. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

Blessing

P. The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Build Us Up, Lord

ELW 670

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Serve
the Lord
with
gladness

Servers for Sunday, October 15th

Assisting Minister..... Alecia Harrison
Reader Sylvia Lambert
Altar Guild Barbara Kyles
Greeters/Counters..... Neil Brennecke/Shannon Thomsen
Guest Musician Marsha Vanderwerff



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



October 22nd – Ministry Fair



Ministry Team Leads/Chairs: please have a representative from your group available on this date after worship service.

October 29th, 2 pm CROP Hunger Walk

Flowers on the altar this week are in loving remembrance of Peg Stamp.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Greater Triangle Area CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 29, 2023

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 29, 2023

First Baptist Church parking lot
GPS - 176 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Candles for the month of October given by Julia Lochra in honor of many family birthdays.



*Pray for your
Call Committee*

Family of Peg Stamp

Family of Ellis (Tony) Guedel

Family of Tomma Hargraves

Family of Monna Stamm

Forrest Smith – recovering from ablation

Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – recovering from a stroke

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Sheila Dorey – recovering from angioplasty

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda - cancer

Sheryll's friend Tony – terminal cancer

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Diana Havenstein

Rob Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Mary Ann Jackson Dayshaun

Nick & Sharon Vietri

Jonathan McCoy Jim Powers

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Andrew Avakian – MS

