

## Facebook Live Worship Outline

*Pentecost 20 - 18 October 2020*

### GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #526

*God is Here*

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

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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.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,  
“I know you by name, and you have found favour with me.”

**C: Lord you have promised us,  
“My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.”**

P: Lord, you have blessed us saying,  
“I will cause my goodness to pass in front of you.”

**C: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,  
“I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”**

**All: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, you are here wherever we meet. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

### FIRST READING

*Most likely this letter was first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christians communities. Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonika, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you

not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL**

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar. This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW #709** *When Our Song Says Peace*

- 1 When our song says peace and the world says war,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,

who breaks the spear and sword  
and stills the storm of war.

2 When our song says free and the world says bound,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who opens prison doors  
and sets the captives free.

3 When our song says home and the world says lost,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who brings us home at last,  
and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world: that church leaders be supported in their ministries; that national and local churches receive the necessary funding to accomplish their tasks; and that, hearing you call us by name, we join with all the baptized to give you praise, even in this time of great trouble.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Redeemer:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for the earth, the lands, the waters, the animals: that what has been destroyed or harmed be renewed; that the wildness of both storms and viruses be tamed; and that all people become faithful stewards of your good creation.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Creator:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for the nations of the world: that violence between and within nations cease; that Canadian Lutheran World Relief, the World Food Programme of the United Nations, and

other relief agencies be enabled to feed those who face starvation; that elections in the world's democracies be conducted fairly; and that the people of our country shun acts of hostility and sedition.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Sovereign:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for a right use of taxation: that laws concerning taxes reflect justice for all; that tax monies be directed to worthy uses; and that citizens honestly pay what is fairly charged, so that our nation may be maintained.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Judge:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

On this day commemorating St. Luke, we pray for all ministries of healing: that hospitals and clinics receive adequate resources; that medical care be improved in neighbourhoods of poverty, in prisons, and in refugee camps; that physicians and nurses be upheld; and that kindly hospice care be available to the dying.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Healer:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray for all in need: for all who suffer from the coronavirus; for all who are living with high anxiety; for those who are unemployed; for those evicted from their housing; for all who experience prejudice based on skin colour, ethnicity, or economic status; In this season of Pentecost we pray for: Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts.

*A brief silence..*

You are great, O God, our Comforter:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We pray finally for ourselves: that you give us steadfastness in faith and love; and that you hear the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

You are great, O God, our Friend:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

We praise you for the centuries of the faithful who have died in the faith, especially today for the evangelist Luke, and for those we remember in our hearts. . . . That at the end you will welcome us all into your presence, we pray.

*A brief silence.*

You are great, O God, our Hope:  
**in mercy, receive our prayers.**

Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW #825

*You Servants of God*

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

*Then conclude with these prayers:*

P: Let us pray.  
*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:  
making and mending all things,  
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,  
and singing a love-song for your beloved:  
your vineyard, your flock, your people.  
With all creation we sing, Glory! **Glory!**

Blessed are you for your liberating Word:

speaking through Moses and the prophets,  
encountered in the Gospels,  
and proclaimed in the assembly:  
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.  
With the whole world we say, Blessing! **Blessing!**

Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:  
among us wherever we gather,  
welcoming everyone to your feast,  
and, with grace and generosity,  
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.  
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy! **Holy!**

Clothe us in your loving Spirit,  
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,  
and keep us awake to your presence  
in the people and places you call us to serve.  
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,  
now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
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.

### **Blessing**

P: Touched, changed, called and empowered,  
go now in the power and provision of Christ to heal the sick,  
feed the hungry, and serve the world.

God the creator, Jesus ✝ the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for the Week:**

Monday Psalm 98.

Tuesday Revelation 18:21-24.

Wednesday Matthew 17:22-27.

Thursday Psalm 1.

Friday Titus 2:7-8, 11-15.

Saturday Proverbs 24: 23-24.

Sunday - Reformation Sunday - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36