

# 19<sup>th</sup> Week After Pentecost: A Service of Holy Communion

## Leader's Guide

*All service will be pre-recorded.*

### GATHERING

**Prelude** **(begins at 10:10a)**

**Welcoming Comments & Opening Sentences** **(begins at 10:20a)**

P. We gather in the image of the Creator

**A. who is a community of love.**

P. We gather in the name of the Redeemer

**A. who reconciles all of creation.**

P. We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

**A. who inspires new life and renews it.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P. As we enter into worship today, we are reminded that Christ calls us to confess our sins against one another before coming to worship. Sins; the things that separate us from God and from one another, occur when we do not love each other the way God has loved us. Let us take a moment of silent reflection to consider what God calls us to account for.

*Brief Pause*

P. Together we pray:

**A. Ever-loving and merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed  
Both by what we have done... and by what we have left undone.**

**Our sins; the things that bring separation, come from not loving you fully.**

**Separation is from when we have not loved our neighbors as our selves.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, o God, and guide us into new ways of being.**

**Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

P. Here now this good news from Romans 8:38-39: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Be assured that nothing we do can separate us from God's love found in Jesus Christ. Believe this gospel and live in its peace. Let us come now and worship!

## Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In

## GATHER US IN

### Greeting

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P. Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.

A. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading (LaurieLynn Lumbra)

**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.

P. This is the Word of the Lord

**A. Thanks Be To God!**

## **Musical Meditation**

**(roughly 3 minutes)**

### **Second Reading: Pastor Jonathan**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

P. 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.

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.

P. This is the Word of the Lord

**A. Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: Unity In Diversity**

**Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck**

**Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians**

**ST. BRENDANS'S**

**Mission Moment Videos**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

**A. Your mercy is great.**

## **Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8**

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#### **Peace**

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

#### **Announcements**

*Announcements may be shared at this time.*

## **MEAL**

#### **Offering**

P. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or via mail to Messiah or Trinity, feel free to do so.

#### **Offering Prayer**

P. O God may the gifts of our lives, of our hands, of our money, of our time, of our resources, of our prayers; may all these be found and used by you to advance your purposes of love and justice in our world in need.

**A. Amen.**

## **Profession of the Faith**

P. As we prepare to come to Christ's Table, we join in confession with Christians around the world; united in one voice, let us proclaim the faith of the Church

A. **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
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.**

## **The Meaning of the Sacrament**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (LIVE, *NOT* VIDEO)**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

#### **Lord's Prayer Video**

A. **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**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

*At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families. A brief musical reflection can be played here, perhaps with shots of the Community Harvest Table.*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
A. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P. Mothering God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
A. **Amen.**

## **Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing**

***SICILLIAN MARINERS***

## **Benediction**

P. Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Postlude**