

# HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

## GATHERING

Prelude

*Come to the Water*

arr. J. Brodbeck

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*~Assisting Minister will offer on behalf of us all~*

*Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

Hymn 722

*Sung by hymn leader*

*O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.*

*As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.*

*O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!*

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### Hymn of Praise

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Ho, 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. <sup>2</sup>Why 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. <sup>3</sup>Incline 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. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, 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.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Sung by hymn leader*

*God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.*

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:54--14:21

<sup>54</sup>He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?" <sup>55</sup>Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" <sup>57</sup>And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house." <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

<sup>1</sup>At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about about Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup>For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup>Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod <sup>7</sup>so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup>The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; <sup>10</sup>he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup>The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup>His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he 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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When 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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then 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. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### Sermon

*We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.*

*We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.*

*We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.*

**Ministry Announcements**

Laura Hudson, Director of Equipping Ministers

**Prayers of Intercession****Offering***Collected at the door***LITURGY OF THE MEAL****Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

**Communion***As directed by the Presiding Minister***Blessing**

## Song after Communion

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*  
*Sung by hymn leader*

Hymn 712

*Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### Benediction & Dismissal

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given** by Bob and Barb Campbell in loving memory of their dear friend Shirley Fields. Happy Heavenly Birthday Shirley!

### Liturgical Ministers

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Steve Wachtman

**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck

**Intern:** Vicar Sara Wunsch