

**July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*

**Opening Hymn** *Here in This Place, Gather Us In*

1 Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away-- here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire...of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

**But we struggle with your command. We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts: What is our compassion among so much pain? What is our small kindness in a system of injustice? What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society? How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?**

We have forgotten when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.

**When we have tasted the bread you multiply; even when we gather your leftovers, we still find ourselves between your wondrous power and our sinful reality.**

So we ask for your forgiveness.

**When you call for our faith, forgive our unbelief. As you prepare our heavenly dwelling, forgive our earthly worries. When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies, forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare. When your gospel challenges us, forgive our irritable complaints.**

You are patient with us even when we prove doubtful, reluctant and argumentative.

**How often do we act this way just because we are hungry?**

Beloved, Jesus knows we hunger for forgiveness. He has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. God leavens us with eternal goodness. Christ gives us forgiveness enough to share. And the Holy Spirit fills our lives with the flavor of transformation. We are forgiven. **God, give us this bread always. Amen.**

**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.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

*Refrain*

Kyrie eleison, on our world on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

**Prayer of the Day**

Bread of Life, **you nourish our whole selves. You give abundantly. You are present among us. You have embodied the grace of God for us by your life, death, and resurrection. Help us to embody your life-giving grace for others, that all the world may be fed. Amen.**

**First Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21** *Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18** *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you**

**give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you,  
**to all who call upon you faithfully.**

**Gospel: John 6:1-14** *Christ feeding the five thousand*

Before: The holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

**Hymn of the Day** *Pass it On*

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it you spread His love to ev'ryone; you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding the birds begin to sing; the flowers start their blooming that's how it is with God's love once you experienced it you want to sing it's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found you can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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## Apostle's 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 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Response: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Offering

### Giving Prayer

Almighty God, **giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.**

### 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.**

## Announcements

### Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon us now and forever. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. We are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**