

October 10, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*“Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to
the wedding banquet.”*

Matthew 22:9, NRSV



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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

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AS WE GATHER

God has worked faith in our hearts to respond in joy to His gracious invitation. But our preoccupation with our personal agendas and the world's allure can turn our hearts away. Jesus couches that problem in a parable. Worse, we might think that we can enter heaven, the eternal banquet, on our terms, supposing we need not be clothed in Christ's righteousness alone. Yet God's preoccupation is to keep sending out His special invitation to one and all. What joy Paul leads us in as he writes the Epistle! Our current circumstances mean nothing compared to the eternal banquet to which we are invited by the overflowing grace of God.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Rejoice in the Lord Always"* Evelyn Turner

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1

Pastor: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

People: **"Let us go to the house of the LORD**

Pastor: I will be glad and rejoice in you;

People: **I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.**

Pastor: We wait in hope for the LORD;

People: **he is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: In him our hearts rejoice,

People: **for we trust in his holy name.**

Pastor: May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,

People: **even as we put our hope in you.**

HYMN

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen
Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, in Your Word, You instruct us, saying, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (*Philippians 4:8*). However, our thoughts and actions are often far from pure and soiled with sin. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean from birth and in need of Your forgiveness. Thus, we take refuge in Your mercy, seeking Your grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." (*Philippians 4:4*) Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.

People: Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 25:6–9*

(The Lord will bring salvation to His people.)

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears

from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace

from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE: *Philippians 4:4–13* (Encouragement for joyful Christian living)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:1–14* (The parable about the wedding feast)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.

⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"* (v 1-4, 6)

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Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
For by your cross absolved I am
From sin and guilt, from fear and shame.

Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the mercy-seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

Then shall I praise you and adore
Your blessed name forevermore,
Who once, for me and all you made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON: "I Do," *Matthew 22:1-14*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to God Almighty for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various needs.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You promised an end to tears, suffering, and death itself when we join You around Your eternal feast. Hear us as we pray for people who are suffering this day: those displaced because of famine or war; those who are suffering under oppressive regimes; and those who have been discriminated against, unjustly punished, or forgotten by the greater society. Give us all just governments and compassionate rulers. May our hope in You be strong. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, healer of our every ill, turn a gracious ear as we pray for people near and dear to us: those facing sudden crises, those enduring long-term illnesses, those mourning the loss of loved ones, those in conflict of any sort, and those concerned about making ends meet, [*including . . .*]. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who moved Paul to write about his finding contentment in all circumstances, interpret the sighs of those whose faith is not as firm as his: those who have not truly heard the good news of salvation and those whose attention is focused on worldly fears and concerns. Surround them with caring brothers and sisters of Christ to bring a ministry of Word and Sacrament to nourish their hearts and minds. Use the talents You have placed within us to be Your instruments to restore hope and joy as we look together to the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by Your grace and mercy, You have not only invited us to the wedding feast of Your Son, but have also provided us with garments to wear that were won for us by Jesus' death and resurrection. Clothed in Christ's righteousness, You have made us ready to be welcomed to Your Table this day and for all eternity.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC



"Come to the Table"

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Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Holy Communion, You have given us a foretaste of the wedding feast of heaven. Grant us confidence in the assurance that, clothed in Christ's righteousness, we are ready for the wedding feast that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

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Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Saturday, October 17, 2020

11:00am - 4:00pm (OR until sold out)

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