

# 19th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of community, communion and commitment. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services; however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

## Call to Worship

P The world needs to change, a lot.There are so many things that need change,

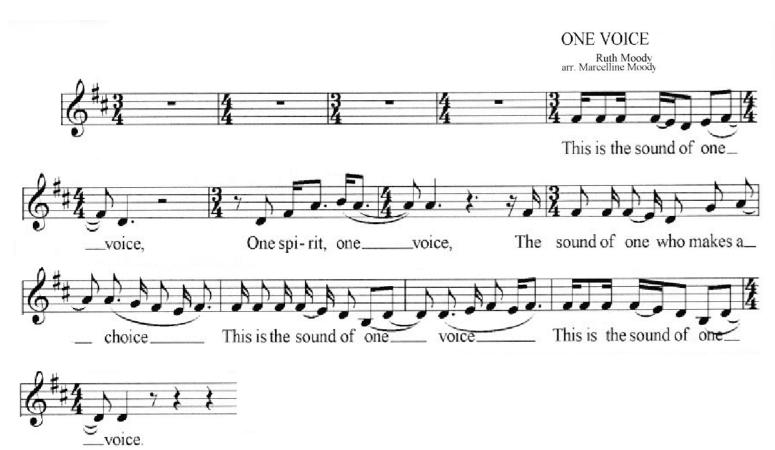
## All and we can get overwhelmed,

P especially if we think that we need to make all of the change by ourselves.We need to remember that God is already at work.

## All God has been, and always will be, doing a new thing.

P We are called to show up and cooperate with what God is doing!
We are the changemakers, and we are being made ready!

## All May we be changed by this time of worship!



We are called to show up and cooperate with what God is doing, but Р that is often more difficult than it should be. Let us confess the times that we have failed to be a part of what God is already doing.

Holy One, you are always at work in the world, and you call us to be a part of what you are doing.

- All But all too often, we don't see the creative opportunities that you have for us.
- Р We think too narrowly about what we can give, what we can do. We struggle to trust that you are at work within us as well.
- All Forgive us.

Forgive us for when we fail to see others. Forgive us for when we failed to trust. Forgive us for when we failed to risk vulnerability. Forgive us, and change us again. Remake us as the people who cooperate with your Spirit. Remake us as the Body of Christ, that we would work for the healing of the world. Amen.

Hear this assurance of Good News: the scriptures say that God is making Р "all things new." Transformation is the nature of the Divine One. We are imbued with the ability to be made new, and to make new things. All we need is to lean into this calling and to release our imaginations for the sake of love. In this moment we let go of all we have not done and recognize that each moment can be the start of something new. We have everything we need.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of + the Holy Spirit Our sins are FORGIVEN and FORGOTTEN.







Greeting

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

## All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Holy One, help us to hear what you are doing in the Gospel.

All Help us to hear the ways that we can show up and cooperate with your Spirit.

May this story show us the way to become a compassion-driven changemaker, like Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

You may be Seated

## Lectio Divina—A Reading from Mark the 6th chapter

Let us enter our practice in this series of the ancient Christian tradition called "lectio divina" of repeating a reading in order to understand more fully. The story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes is one that is teaching us many things about our relationship to Jesus and his call to creatively solve the problems we face. Here this version now:

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

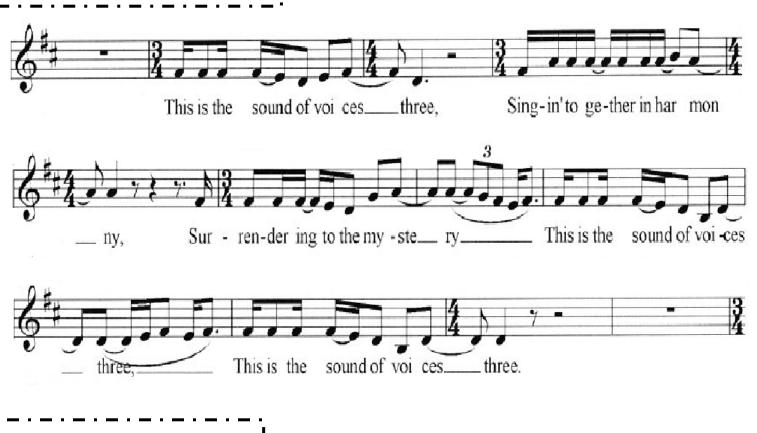
Mark 6:30-44 (NRSVUE)

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

## Gospel Acclamation

#### Please stand in body or spirit.



*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. After he entered the Pharisee's home, he took his place at the table. Meanwhile, a woman from the city, a sinner, discovered that Jesus was dining in the Pharisee's house. She brought perfumed oil in a vase made of alabaster. Standing behind him at his feet and crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured the oil on them. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw what was happening, he said to himself, If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. He would know that she is a sinner.

Jesus replied, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher, speak," he said.

"A certain lender had two debtors. One owed enough money to pay five hundred people for a day's work. The other owed enough money for fifty. When they couldn't pay, the lender forgave the debts of them both. Which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the largest debt canceled."

Jesus said, "You have judged correctly."

Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your home, you didn't give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has poured perfumed oil on my feet. This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven; so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other table guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this person that even forgives sins?"

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Luke 7:36-50 (CEB)

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

## Hymn of the Day

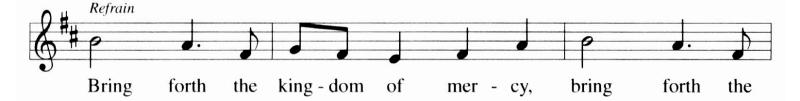
## Please stand in body or spirit. Bring Forth the Kingdom



- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
- 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit y of God!
- 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
- 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O life in the king-dom of God! peo - ple: Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow the king-dom of God! in Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love the king-dom of God! is







Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Bring Forth the Kingdom 9 7 9 7 and refrain, Marty Haugen Text and music © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

# Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

You may be Seated

WA Gracious God as we come to you in prayer,
we bring thoughts of those who are no longer with us.
We call to mind those we know need our prayers.
We also call to mind the concerns of this world.

WA Holy — Loving — Changemaking God, be present with any and all who are hoping for relief, new beginnings, help, and healing.
 Help us to be with and for one another, claiming our identity as disciples of Jesus, the Changemaker of our lives.

We Lift Up By Nick Ehrhardt

#### All Ooooh, Oooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.

(Repeat throughout)

*Leader* For the planet, for its people.

For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.

For the hungry, for the cold.

For the young and for the old.

For our joy and for our pain.

For the sunshine for the rain.

For the dying, for the sick.

For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.

For our leaders for their minds.

For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.

For the world and its frantic pace.

For the places where we find deeper space.

For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.

For the chance for a prayer for everyone.

For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

## All Ooooh, Oooooh, Ahhhmen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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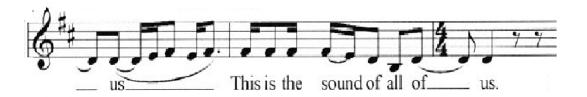
P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

## All And also with you.









# Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit, have power to knit our imperfect hearts, our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories, and our gifts, one to another.

All Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord, that all might resound to Your glory. Amen.

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- P The Lord be with you
- All And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WA Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him, we find our purpose,
seeking to serve his purposes in our lives.
Your Spirit anointed him to bring change for those who needed it most:
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

P 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.

- P And so, in remembrance of your wonder-filled acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves for changemaking as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
- All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ – May we become what we have freely received ...the body of Christ.

By your Spirit, seal our connection with Christ, our connection with each other, and our connection to all the world through our ministry until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

All Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All
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.

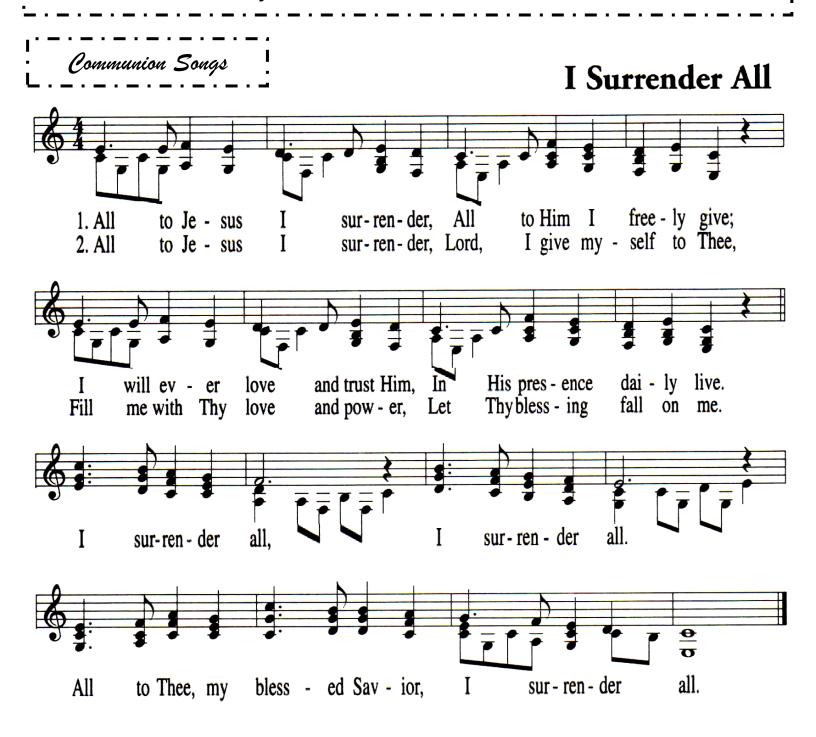
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Invitation

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



## **Amazing Grace**

Words and Music by John Newton, John P. Rees and Edwin Othello Excell



Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

- P Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.
- All Now send us forth to live for others,
  both friend and stranger,
  that all may come to know your love.
  This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

You may be Seated

## Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed are the changemakers.

Blessed are you who are not asleep to the world's pain and suffering.

Blessed are you who lament for the way things are.

Blessed are you who know, to the depth of your bones, that this is not how things are meant to be.

Blessed are you for not believing the lie that this is how they will always remain.

Blessed are you who know that things can change, who long for things to change.

Blessed are you whose life's ambition is to bring the change that is justice and mercy for all.

Blessed are you who know that God has always employed the faithful acts of ordinary people to heal and change this world.

Blessed are you who know that change begins today,

change begins with us, +

and that we are blessed to be the changemakers.

Let the people say...







# Dismissal

WA Now go into the world,
 risking something big for something good.
 Know that your creativity is a gift from God,
 an inherent trait with the power to unlock solutions
 and change the world.

And know that your passion will emerge from the nest when the time is right... and fly!

## All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> **Lectio Divina** 

Mark 6:30-44 (The Voice)

Gospel:

Mark 10: 46-52 (CEB)

Revised Common Lectionary, October 26<sup>th</sup> **First Reading:** 

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Psalm:** 

Psalm 46

**Second Reading:** 

Romans 3:19-28

Gospel:

John 8:31-36

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