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Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Christ The King, Port Edward

Synod: Oakridge Lutheran in Vancouver; Redeemer Lutheran in Vancouver

ACC: Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of New Westminster

ACC and Lutheran: For an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking

Discipleship Opportunities

- 1. The Pastor is Public at Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 11:30AM.
- 2. Next Sunday is the Sunday that we honor the Reformation of God's church. If you are able, please wear red in honor of those who gave their lives to reform the church.
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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

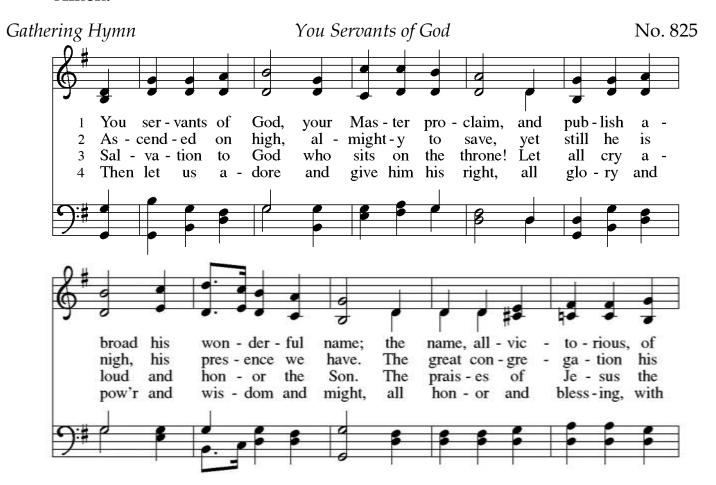
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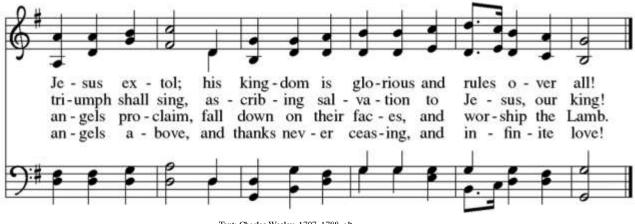
Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.



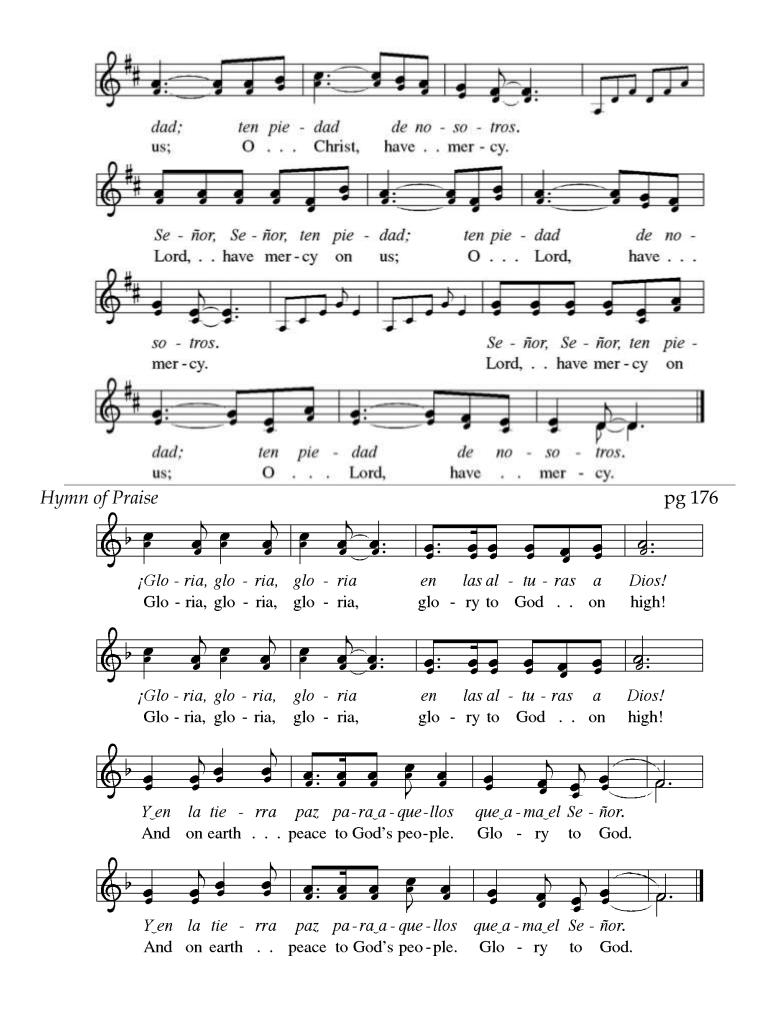


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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





L: Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Our first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 53rd chapter

53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We read Psalm 91:9-16 responsively:

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling. For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Our second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 5th chapter

5:1-10

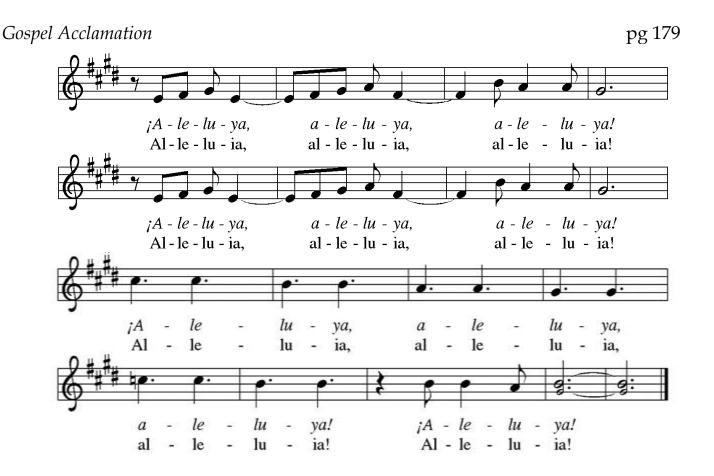
Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

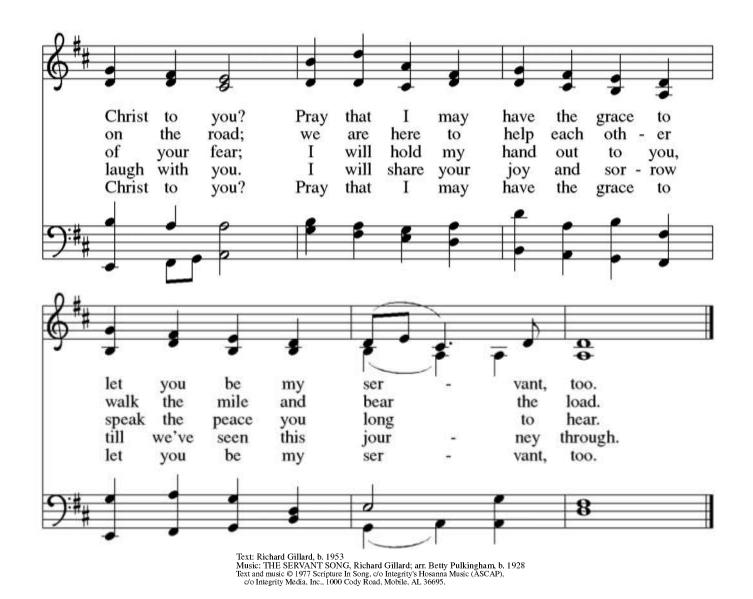
When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Diana Edis





Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess:

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 power of 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

Service of Healing

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and

anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction. Hearing the words, "In your great mercy," God's people may respond, "hear us, O God."

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health. In your great mercy, hear us, O God.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed. Heal the pain of all who grieve. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, if you are joining us remotely please light candles for your prayer concerns. Those of you here in the sanctuary, may do the same with the candles on the table to my left. You may come to the steps or the rail as you are able, or I can come to you to receive healing prayer and God's anointing for yourself or for someone in need.

People may come forward for individual prayer as they are able. During this time we will sing.

Hymn during Healing:

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,

in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servants, gathered here and scattered around the world; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver them from the power of evil; and preserve them in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

Amen.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may share the peace with those in the building and online in whatever way is comfortable to them. Nods, peace signs, hand shaking etc. are acceptable with consent.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca, or given at CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We enter a time of communion. Everyone is invited to receive God's meal. If you desire it, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When you receive the elements, eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." We have bread or gluten-free wafers, wine or juice; please notify the server of your need.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

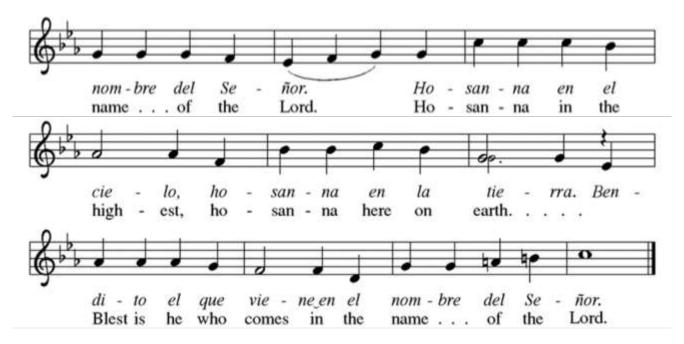
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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 your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

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. If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared. Whether you are distant or present all of us are gathered together around the table of God and we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. God knows what you need. Come and receive it; be inspired to offer it to the world! Everyone is welcome at the table of God

Hymn during communion:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

No. 708

Refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

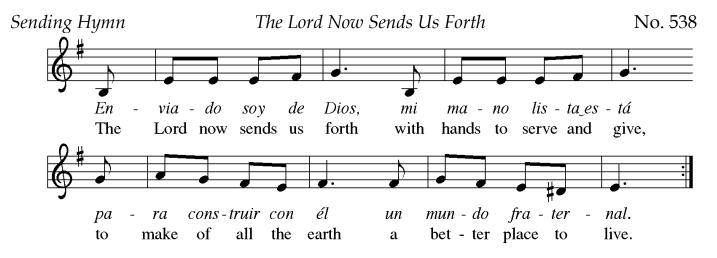
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

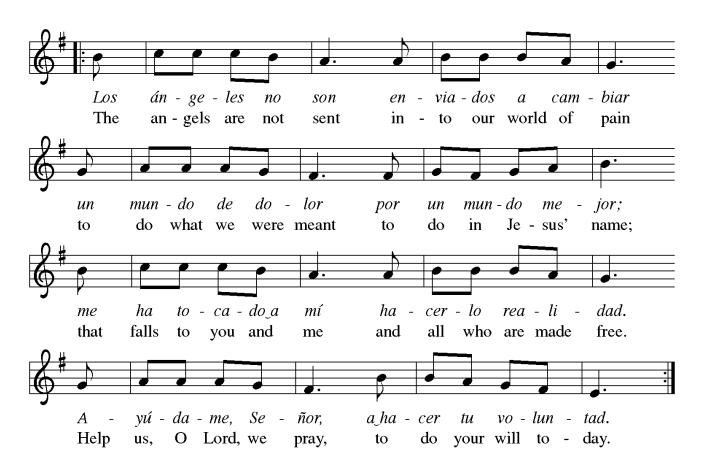
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Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**



Sing this part through twice



Sing this part through twice, then return to sing the refrain twice **If more time is needed the whole hymn may be sung through once more, joyously**

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Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.