



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

God Answers Hannah

God's promise of deliverance is still with us, offering hope to the hopeless.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy God, here we are again
with our hearts desire,
with our pleas and our hopes.
We bring them all—
everything that makes us who we are—and we hand it all to you.
We gather,
we worship.

Gathering Music

Lord, Please Lead

For it is You who light my lamp; the Lord my God, lightens my darkness.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of all ages,

You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We give in to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator! **Amen.**

Opening Song

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.**

Refrain

**Ever'y blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say.
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name."**

**Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be."
blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name. Refrain**

**You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name" (repeat)**

**"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."**

Prayer of the Day

God of justice, You love exalting the humble and showing mercy to sinners. Give us that same heart for the oppressed, that we might work for the betterment of all and the coming of your kingdom on earth, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Hannah was barren—a terrible state of unworthiness in her time. But her plea to God was answered.

God gave her a child worthy of growing up in God's house.

Her song of deliverance offered a word of hope to the hopeless.

Invitation to the Word

Father Grant

**Father grant, that what we sing with our lips,
We may believe in our hearts.
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory."

²"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren

has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

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

Message

Song

Abide With Me

Red ELW 629 vv. 1,3,5

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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

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Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Waiting for something wonderful can make us impatient, and blind us to all that is before our eyes in this moment. May we constantly find reasons to be grateful in life, whether the blessings are large or small.

Steadfast God, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who desire children but are unable to have them, for parents who feel regret at their choice, and for children who feel unwanted. Lead us to the places and the people who can heal our hearts and make us whole.

Steadfast God, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the efforts of those working to preserve arctic habitats and wildlife, amid diminishing ice fields and resources. Assist us in finding ways to protect this beautiful planet on which we live.

Steadfast God, **Hear our prayer.**

You hear the distress of your children when they cry to you. Comfort the suffering and bring joy to the grieved. Send your healing spirit to those who need it, especially...

Steadfast God, **Hear our prayer.**

With St. Luke your evangelist we seek to proclaim your good news in all we say and do. Keep us united with all those who have gone before us in this life, and join us eternally when we reach our eternal reward.

Steadfast God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

We place these prayers into your hands and trust that you will be merciful to your children, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Heavenly Father, in response to your faithful promises, we offer our gifts for the sake of your kingdom. These gifts were first given to us by you and now, we gratefully return them for your Church. May you bless them and multiply their impact for the sake of the poor, the hungry and suffering in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Temple Talk

Re-Gather Well

- Mike Madsen

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✨ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Spirit Song

- Purifoy



Participants

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