



18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

The Promise of Passover

God's claim on God's people is passionate and fierce.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

When disaster comes, We will not be destroyed.

When danger looms, We will not be afraid.

For we belong to God Who has called us and claimed us.

The Spirit of God calls us here to worship, Father, Son and Spirit.

We come. We worship.

Gathering Music

That Will Be Joyful

- Sprong

Let your light shine before others.

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

Gather Us In

Red ELW 532

Here in this place the 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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

God of might, You protected and guided your chosen people out of danger into new life. So lead us into the places where we can live and grow as your faithful people, for the sake of Jesus. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

When God decided to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, God did not do so quietly. God rained fire and death upon Egypt, passionately claiming God's people as God's own.

Invitation to the Word

Jesus Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The Lord said to Moses: ²Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. ³Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

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

Message

Song

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Red ELW 461 vv. 1,3

All who hunger gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
 Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
 all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
 live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

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

Red ELW 752

Sung before prayers

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

You claim us powerfully as your own and set your mark of mercy upon us in the promise of our baptism. May we respond in gratitude and truly live as redeemed and beloved children.

Almighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

For innocent victims and those caught in the crossfire of conflict, we pray your comfort, healing and protection, O Lord. Help all who deal with traumatic memories and difficult histories to find renewal and a way forward.

Almighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

On this commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, help us to cherish and protect the diverse and countless creatures which populate the earth, as well as the lands, seas and habitats in which they live. Guide us to take a responsible place as one species among many who share the planet.

Almighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who still suffer in modern day slavery, give your support and healing, and assist the efforts of all who work to abolish these inhumane practices. Be also with those who are in need of your Holy Spirit's power, especially...

Almighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

We rejoice for the life of Theodor Fliedner, founder of deaconess training, and all who value sacred service. Inspire us each to offer ourselves wherever we can, in whatever ways we can.

Almighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

We belong to you, O God, and trust that you will answer our prayers in the way that fulfills your will, for the sake of your son Jesus, the Anointed One. **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

Ministry Initiative

- Pastor Michael TeKrony

Benefits for Ministry Partner Staff Position

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

O Living Bread from Heaven

Red ELW 542 vv,1,2

O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

Sending

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

Postlude

As the Grains of Wheat



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
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