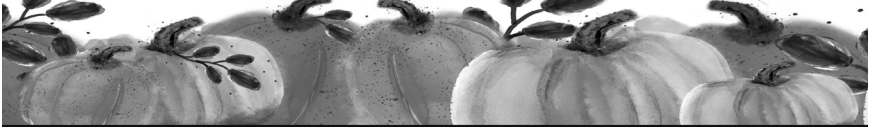


ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 17, 2021 | Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost |
8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)
(blue and green are hymnal colors)



PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation

C: no evil will befall you, nor shall afflictions come near your dwelling

L: For God will give the angels charge over you,

C: to guard you in all your ways.

+HYMN #526 (Green) *Immortal, Invisible (vs. 1, 2)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our comforter

C: **Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

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

C: **And also, with you.**

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) *Glory to God...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Sovereign God,

C: **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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out 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. ¹²Therefore 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.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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"; ⁶as 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 10

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

Choir Anthem - *Whoever Would Be Great Among You*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #492 (Green)- *O Master, Let Me Walk with You (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ NICENE CREED pg. 64 (Green)

+ THE PRAYERS pg. 65 (Green)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the vineyards be fruitful* pg 63 (Green)

MEAL

+Offering Prayer pg. 67 (Green)

+The Great Thanksgiving pg. 68 (Green)

+**Words of Institution.** Pg. 69 (Green)

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+**HYMN #252(Green) *Ye Servants of God* (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53, Luke witnesses to the ministry of Jesus

Tuesday, 1 Samuel 10:17-25, Saul proclaimed king

Wednesday, John 13:1-17, Jesus washes the disciples' feet

Thursday, Psalm 126, Sowing with ears, reaping with joy

Friday, Hebrews 7:11-22, Jesus is like Melchizedek

Saturday, Mark 8:22-26

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

PRAY: Amen

BLESS: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen