

**17th Sunday After Pentecost
October 2, 2022**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Morning

Thiemer

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Susan Obenschain

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation
to worship the evil one.
Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
he endured the shame of the cross,
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.
Now are gathered in him all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.
With the saints of all ages we say,
**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**



Invocation

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Mighty God,
we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,
but in faith we do see Jesus.
We thank you for the humility and holiness
in which he lived and died.
We praise you that he freed us from our sin,
that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,
and that he gives us courage to follow him.
For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:
Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! **Amen.**



Hymn 97

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or poorly we care for others.
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

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Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offering

Offertory *Dayspring*

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

! Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you.
You fill us with good things.
Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance.
With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and
tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us
to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we
have been served, and to bless others as we have been
blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

! Hymn

Jesus, I Come

Verse 1

*Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee*

Verse 2

*Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee*

Verse 3

*Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee*

Verse 4

*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Don't Be Afraid

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:22-2:8a

²² Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth¹ so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure² heart love one another constantly ²³ because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory like a flower of the grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.

And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.

2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, ³ if you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God— ⁵ you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and honored cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him
will never be put to shame.

⁷ So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving,

The stone that the builders rejected—
this one has become the cornerstone,

and

A stone to stumble over,
and a rock to trip over.

Sermon

*“Living Stones”
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding
We respond to God’s Word

 **Hymn 2**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

 **Profession of Faith** (Apostle’s Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
Of God, the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick
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 life everlasting.**

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Hymn

Mighty to Save

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*Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations*

Chorus

*Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

*Take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender*

Chorus

Bridge

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King*

Chorus

 Benediction & Blessing

 Postlude

How Majestic is Your Name

Smith