

Sunday, September 27, 2020
17th Sunday after Pentecost

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We come before You; Eternal Three in One †. Open now our hearts to the grace of Your Word. **Amen.**
Holy One, we turn to You in our times of crisis. Let Your Holy Spirit comfort us in our distress. Pour out your mercy through Jesus Your Son, that we may grow into the fullness of His way. **Amen.**

We raise our sin before You Lord in the presence of one another. Eternal God,
we confess that we have lost our way. We have erred in staying true to You; and to that which You have taught us. We have not kept You first in our hearts; we have not treated our neighbors as You have showed us. Holy God have mercy on us. Bring us into a new day, so that we will know Your love and abundance. Amen.

In the great truth of Your Word O God, Jesus was given to die for us. By His righteousness Your mercy abounds for us. As a called and ordained member in the Body of Christ, and by Jesus' authority, I tell you all, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (ELW 818)

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Let us pray.*

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *Please use your Bibles.*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

**⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: A reading from Philippians 2:1-13 *Please use your Bibles.*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: *Please use your Bibles.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERING PRAYER *Let us pray.*

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER *Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Let us pray.*

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
 Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879