BECOMING PEOPLE OF JUSTICE



5 RESOURCES FOR THE LIFELONG JOURNEY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You are Visiting: We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at kevin@friendsofthesavior.org to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

About our Worship: we use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

Children & Youth: While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. For additional ideas to engage children, see Savior's family newsletter or contact Sarah Lindsay at sarah@friendsofthesavior.org. We also invite children to call Pastor Mary; email Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior.org to set up a time. Youth are meeting virtually; contact Fr. Andrew Unger at andrewdunger@gmail. com for details.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost: From now until the end of November, we celebrate a part of the Christian year called Pentecost. During it, we especially remember what Jesus' followers did. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives—and how we should live ours. This one season of Pentecost takes up half the year. And it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas and Easter. As a result, as one Sunday in Pentecost follows another, the season can feel rather ordinary. There's a good reason for this. The believers who developed our Christian calendar knew that following Jesus isn't always a big party. Sometimes it's long, sometimes hard, sometimes, well, ordinary. But they wanted to remind us that Jesus is still with us, even then.

Want to Stay in Touch? Let us know how at FriendsOf The Savior.org/visitor

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For your Church, that evermore Lifts its holy hands above, Offering up on every shore A pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

- ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
- ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

ALLELUIA

Please stand.



²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹ From then on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day.

²²Peter took him and began to tell him off. 'That's the last thing God would want, Master!' he said. 'That's never, ever going to happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned on Peter. 'Get behind me, satan!' he said. 'You're trying to trip me up! You're not looking at things like God does! You're looking at things like a mere mortal!'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to come after me, they must give themselves up, and pick up their cross, and follow me. ²⁵ Yes: if someone wants to save their life, they must lose it; and if anyone loses their life for my sake they will find it. ²⁶ What use will it be, otherwise, if you win the whole world but forfeit your true life? What will you give to get your life back? ²⁷ You see, the son of man is going to "come in the glory of his father with his angels", and then "he will reward everyone for the work they have done". ²⁸ I'm telling you the truth: some of those standing here will not taste death until they see "the son of man coming in his kingdom".

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

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THE SERMON

Once there was someone who came to live among us.

He said many amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him. He came close to the sick.

He encouraged the poor.

And He enjoyed the children.

"This is the way God wants us to care for each other," he said. "This is the way of the kingdom of God." But they did not understand so he said, "Come. Follow me. I will show the way. I will show you the way of the kingdom of God."

Break My Heart: A Very Long Conversion

Linda Richardson Assisting Clergy

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The officiant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Be Still And Know

Be still and know, that I am God Be still and know, that I am God Be still and know, that I am God

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

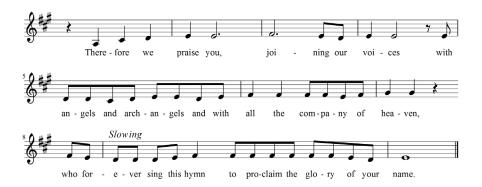
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.



Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

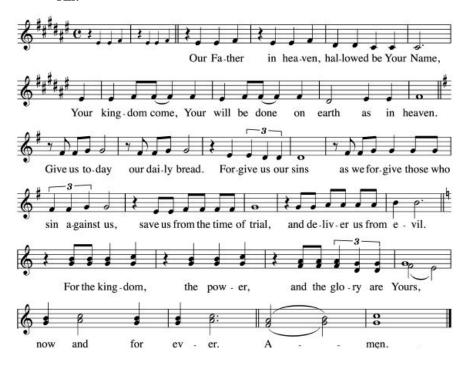
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gift of God for the People of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You

You are the potter I am the clay Mold me and make me This is what I pray

God Of Justice

God of Justice Savior to all Came to rescue the weak and the poor Chose to serve and not be served

Jesus You have called us Freely we've received Now freely we will give

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

To act justly every day Loving mercy in every way Walking humbly before You God

You have shown us what You require Freely we've received Now freely we will give

Fill us up and send us out Fill us up and send us out Fill us up and send us out Lord

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing May our streets be filled with joy May injustice bow to Jesus As the people turn and pray

From the mountain to the valley Hear our praises rise to You From the heavens to the nations Hear our singing fill the air

May our light shine in the darkness As we walk before the cross May Your glory fill the whole earth As the water over the seas

Hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE BLESSING

Officiant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A few announcements will be made.

PRAYERS FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Adapted from prayers by W. David O. Taylor

O Lord, you promise to be with us always. We pray today for the children and youth returning to school. Bless their going and their coming. Bless their learning and their play. Protect their hearts from fear and keep them safe. Give them good friends. We pray for the children and youth schooling at home. Be with them as they do their schoolwork. Help them to do their best, help them to not feel alone and give them patience with each other. Give them joy and remind them that you love them from head to toe.

We pray for college and graduate students. Keep them healthy and keep them from harm. In all that they do and say, may they love you with their heart, mind, soul and strength, and may they love their neighbors as themselves, so that they might fulfill your purposes for them and your calling in their lives as students.

We lift up all parents to you, O God. You who promise to guide us through the wilderness and to protect us through the storm, we ask that you would make them wise where they cannot clearly see the way forward, make them brave where they feel afraid, make them strong in the face of their weakness, and make possible what to them seems impossible, so that they might joyfully entrust themselves and their children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times.

O God, you who have promised wisdom to all who would ask it, we pray today for school administrators, that you would grant them clarity of mind, unity of spirit, strength of will, a heart of wisdom and the gift of your truth-bearing Spirit, so that they might be enabled to make decisions that lead to the flourishing of their teachers, staff, and students and to the wellbeing of the whole community.

O Lord, you who have called and equipped the teachers and support staff in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Service LiveStream: We continue to worship on Saturday through Zoom. Access our services here. To assist with worship, a copy of our Order of Worship is available on our Sermons webpage and will be emailed out every Friday through Breeze by Whitney Burns, our Communications Director.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We are hosting Morning Prayer at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Find the link to join the livestream service on our Facebook Page and weekly Newsletter. Please note, we are suspending Evening Prayer for the summer.

Donations to Church of the Savior: There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit our new <u>Giving page</u> on our website.

Back-to-School Blessing: If you were unable to attend our drive through Back-to-School Blessing at PHCC earlier today, please email <u>Sarah Lindsay</u>; we'd love to send you a blessing and gift with our next Eucharist delivery.

Reserved Sacrament: September Home Delivery: We are looking for volunteers to help with the next delivery! Drivers will pick up the Reserved Sacrament from Sarah Lindsay on Friday, September 11 or the morning of Saturday, September 12, and make the deliveries. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, please contact <u>Sarah Lindsay</u> by Friday, September 4.

Next Summer Picnic Gathering: What a blessing it has been to gather for some beautiful in-person community with one another through our summer picnics. Save the date for our next Summer Picnic gathering on September 4th starting at 5:30pm. Location will be released closer to the date.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Zao Zoom Youth Room: Youth group calls take place on Wednesday night. Middle School meets from 6:30-7:30pm and High School meets from 7:15-8:30pm.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

"Becoming People of Justice"

What resources has God given us as we hope to bring justice?

August 22: Fr. Kevin Miller

"Humility: a very good place to start"

August 29: Mtr. Linda Richardson

"Break My Heart: A Very Long Conversion"

September 5: Fr. Esau McCaulley

"Strength: we have the Spirit who empowers and leads"

September 12: Fr. Kevin Miller

"Community: we have Christians past and present surrounding us"

September 19: Al Hsu

"Hope: we have signs of God bringing his kingdom"

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of August 22: Actual = \$222,455 Budget = \$209,237 Over/(Under) = \$13,218

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