# **BECOMING PEOPLE OF JUSTICE**



# 5 RESOURCES FOR THE LIFELONG JOURNEY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

**Sixteenth 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 FriendsOfTheSavior.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.

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God A bulwark never failing Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right Man on our side The Man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is He Lord Sabaoth His name From age to age the same And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo his doom is sure One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

#### **GLORIA**



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

ACTS 10:9-20, 27-36, 44-46

<sup>9</sup> About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. <sup>13</sup> Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

<sup>14</sup> "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

<sup>15</sup> The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

<sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

<sup>17</sup> While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. <sup>18</sup> They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup> So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

<sup>27</sup>While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. <sup>28</sup>He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. <sup>29</sup> So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me <sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. <sup>32</sup> Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' <sup>33</sup> So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

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

### THE PSALM

**PSALM 71:1-14** 

<sup>1</sup> In you, Lord, is my protection. Never let me be ashamed.

<sup>2</sup> Because you do what is right, save and rescue me. Listen to me and save me.

 <sup>3</sup> Be my place of safety where I can always come.
 Give the command to save me.
 You are my rock and my strong, walled city.

- <sup>4</sup> My God, save me from the power of the wicked. Save me from the hold of evil and cruel people.
- <sup>5</sup> Lord God, you are my hope. I have trusted you since I was young.
- <sup>6</sup> I have depended on you since I was born. You have been my help from the day I was born. I will always praise you.
- <sup>7</sup>I am an example to many people. You are my strong protection.
- 8 I am always praising you. All day long I honor you.
- <sup>9</sup>Do not reject me when I am old. Do not leave me when my strength is gone.
- <sup>10</sup>My enemies have made plans against me. They meet together to kill me.
- 11 They say, "God has left him. Go after him and take him. No one will save him."
- <sup>12</sup> God, don't be far off. My God, hurry to help me.
- 13 Let them be ashamed.
   Destroy those who accuse me.
   They are trying to hurt me.
   Cover them with shame and disgrace.
- <sup>14</sup>But I will always have hope. And I will praise you more and more.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Please stand.



#### THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

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

<sup>1</sup> "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup>So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

<sup>7</sup> "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

<sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

<sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

<sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

<sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

### ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

#### 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."

Hope: The Reality of the Kingdom Coming

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#### 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.

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# 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

## ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



Officiant: 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.

# Trae Tu Reino (Bring Your Kingdom)

Be Hoy clamamos a Ti, Dios del cielo y de la tierra

Today we cry out to you, God of heaven and of earth

Libera nuestro corazón del temor

Free us from the grip of fear on our hearts

Abre nuestros ojos ciegos para ver con tus ojos

Open up our blinded eyes so we see what you see

Padre escucha hoy nuestro clamor

Father, hear our cry to you today

Libera a tus hijos, sana nuestro corazón
Free all of your children, bind up all our broken hearts
Restaura nuestra identidad
Restore to us our identity
Transforma nuestra mente, enséñanos la fe
Transform our understanding, instruct us in the faith
Muéstranos que ves en nosotros
Show us what you see in your children

Trae tu reino sobre nosotros
Bring your kingdom right here among us
Que tu presencia sea derramada
And may your presence be poured out on us
Que tu belleza sea revelada
And may your beauty be revealed to us
Y que tus hijos sepan quienes son
May all God's children awake to who we are

Hoy clamamos a Ti, Dios del cielo y de la tierra

Today we cry out to you, God of heaven and of earth

Libera nuestro corazón del temor

Free us from the grip of fear on our hearts

La creación espera que tus hijos ya no teman

Creation waits for us to no longer be afraid

Padre escucha hoy nuestro clamor

Father, hear our cry to you today

# The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

# **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

# **Father Let Your Kingdom Come**

Hallelu hallelujah Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy May the works of my hands bring You joy May the works of my hands bring You joy May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace May the words from my mouth speak Your peace May the words from my mouth speak Your peace May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

You make all things new You make all things new In places we don't choose You make all things new

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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.

#### 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.

# **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.

#### **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.

**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.

Baptisms Coming Soon: Our next baptisms will be on Saturday morning, October 24 with the video shared with the parish at our All Saints' service on October 31. If you or your family member would like to be baptized in this socially-distanced service, please contact Fr. Kevin (kevin@friendsofthesavior.org) or Pastor Mary (mary@friendsofthesavior.org).

**All-Church Book Read**: This past week Savior began reading Daniel Hill's *White Awake*. If you haven't already, settle into the comfortable rhythm of reading 1 chapter a week, and find 1 or 2 people you can discuss the book with. For the week of September 20, read Chapter 2: Flying Blind and meditate on this breath prayer: "Lord of new birth, grant me new sight."

**Where are the Millers?** Those crazy love-birds Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen are off this weekend celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary!

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Zao Zoom Youth Room:** Youth group calls take place on Sunday night. 6th-8th grade meets from 6:30-7:30pm and 9th-12th grade meets from 7:15-8:30pm.

**In-Person Youth Gatherings:** Once a month on a Sunday youth group will gather in-person. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11 for the next opportunity. Email <u>Pastor Andrew Unger</u> for more information.

### **OUR NEXT SERMON SERIES**

# "How God Sets People Free: and how we collaborate with him"

September 26: "Disobeying Unjust Authorities", Mtr. Emily McGowin

October 3: "Obeying God Despite My Inadequacies", Fr. Kevin Miller

October 10: "Persevering after Setbacks", Deb Nickerson

October 17: "Pronouncing Judgment on False Gods", Fr. Kevin Miller

October 24: Church of the Savior's 16th Anniversary October 31: All Saints' Day

November 7: "Living under God's Protection", Pastor Sarah Lindsay

November 14: "Following God's Leading", Fr. Kevin Miller

November 21: "Trusting in the God who Fights for Us", Fr. Kevin Miller

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of September 12: Actual = \$239,107 Budget = \$227,951 Over/(Under) = \$11,156

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