SUMMER SEASON: PROPER 17 | THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Put the love of God and neighbor above empty practices.

About this Gathering

Summer season propers is a period of reflection for Christ-followers on the Crucified Risen Christ Jesus that aims to encourage us to learn and practice Reign of God discipleship. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn 707 | Take my life, and let it be



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THE WORD OF GOD

We wait in hope for God;

who is our help and our shield.

Our hearts rejoice in God

in whose holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

for we have put our trust in you.

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

Song of Praise | *Gloria, gloria, gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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*.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 | Moses commands obedience to God's law for security and prosperity in the promised land. A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

"So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? "But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 A brief service before entering the temple for worship.

Let us read Psalm 15 responsively.

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

James 1:17-27 | The implanted word brings salvation, but one must do it as well as hear it.

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 679 | Surely it is God who saves me



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | Jesus denounces those who find ways to ignore the genuine commandments of God. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?"

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon





Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

Prayers of the People

We come to you, trusting that our prayers will be heard. We come before you, O God, saying Bless us and keep us close.

Open our eyes to see that all we are and all we have comes from you, O God. We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of generosity and holy imagination. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Open our lips with your praise as we gather as the body of Christ. Keep the leaders of our faith communities deeply connected to you that you may guide their course as we journey together. We pray for our worship leaders, bishops, priests, deacons and all who support the work you have given us to do. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Open the hearts of the leaders of the world. Give them courage to work for a better future for their people, which reflects justice, kindness, and connection with each other. Open the path to peace in the world. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face violent weather, whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances. May your love be made manifest through us. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Open a path to wholeness for those who live in fear of any kind, who have lost their way, whose spirits are restless, whose bodies are hurting. We pray for healing for _______. We pray that they are upheld by our prayers and come to know healing in their lives. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Open your arms to embrace those who have died, especially _______. Grant them entrance to your eternal kingdom, where there is no pain or grief. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

We come to you as Christ followers. May your love be known in the words we say and the lives we live. We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

In the mighty name of Jesus we pray: We come before you, O God, saying

Bless us and keep us close.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Peace

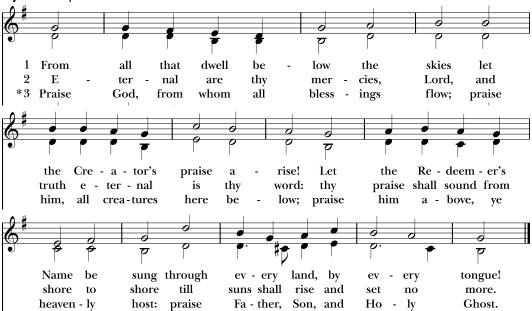
The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION | Please share Communion with us

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Give in Person with Offering Basket, by US Mail or Online. Gifts received are blessed with this prayer: "Generous God, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen."

Hymn 380 | From all that dwell below the skies



The Great Thanksgiving

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary Magdalene and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread | Taizé Hymn | Eat This Bread | vs. 1 & 2

Refrain Opt. A

1 I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father

Refrain Opt. B

2 Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven *Refrain Opt. A*



Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us.

Post Communion | Taizé Hymn | Eat This Bread | vs. 3, 4 & 5

Refrain Opt. A

3 Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Refrain Opt. B

4 Any one who eats this bread, will live forever,

RefrainOpt. A

5 If you believe and eat this bread, you will have enteral life.

Refrain Opt. B

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people. Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May the God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish and strengthen you in the faith and may the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. *Amen*.

Hymn LEVAS 72 | Just a closer walk with thee



Dismissal

Go forth now, into the world in Peace; Be of good courage; Hold fast to that which is good, Render to no one evil for evil; Strengthen the fainthearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted; Honor everyone; Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

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