

HOLY EUCHARIST ON THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Proper 21C

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                    and the love of God,  
                    and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                    be with you all.

*People*          **And also with you.**

Act of Praise

Sing Hallelujah to Our God (CP 492)

The Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (ACRCL Proper 21C)

*Presider*      Let us pray.

God of the sabbath,  
this is the day and this is the hour  
when women long oppressed stand with dignity,  
and when your healing escapes our desire for control:  
may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts  
and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds;  
through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful  
and the raiser of the dead.

*People*          **Amen.**

Children's Message

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading (Jeremiah 1.4-10)

*Reader*        A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*People*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalms (71.1-6)

*Cantor sings the refrain once. Everyone sings the refrain together.*

*Cantor sings the verses. Everyone sings the refrains.*

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-4. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of quarter notes and rests.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 5-11. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of quarter notes and rests. The lyrics are: "From my mother's womb you have been my strength. strength. rit." The first ending is marked "1." and "Last time". The tempo marking "rit." is placed above the final measure.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 12-15. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter notes and rests. The bass line consists of quarter notes and rests. The first ending is marked "1." and "Last time".

- (1) In you, O God, have I taken refuge;
- (2) let me never be ashamed.
- (3) In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
- (4) incline your ear to me and save me. **R.**

- (1) Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
- (2) you are my crag and my stronghold.
- (3) Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
- (4) from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **R.**

- (1) For you are my hope, O God,
- (2) my confidence since I was young.
- (3) I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
- (3) from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
- (4) my praise shall be always of you. **R.**

The Second Reading (Hebrews 12.18-29)

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (CP 709)

*Cantor* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Cantor* I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, but by me.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel Reading (Luke 13.10-17)

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Donald McKenzie

Musical Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Merciful Creator God,

*People* You have searched us out and known us;  
the hopes we hold and regrets and sins that cling to us.  
The hurts we absorb and ferment;  
the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,  
knowing that only in you are we truly known  
as the ones you would have us be.  
Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves  
and respect each other with dignity,  
that we might welcome with you  
the gifts and challenges that your new creation brings,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
Amen.

*Presider* May God our Great Creator  
cleans your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,  
that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, his holy way.  
May God purify your minds, that you may be guided by the holy word.  
May God, our Great Creator clear your eyes  
that you may see the goodness God has created.  
May God, our Great Creator open your ears  
that you may hear God's voice.  
May God, make your souls one with the Trinity,  
so that you may worship in spirit and in truth,  
and love God, God's Peoples and God's creation with all your hearts, minds, bodies  
and souls. Amen.

The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me (CP 430)

Prayer over the Gifts (ACRCL General 2)

*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,  
now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (2)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,



to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

(CP 735)

*Presider*

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (1)

*Presider* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
*People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Music During Communion

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts (CP 70)

Prayer after Communion

*Presider* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.  
Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

*Presider* May God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit be upon  
you now and always.

*People* **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Jesus Calls Us! (CP 432)

Dismissal

*Presider* Go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia..**