

Prince of Peace
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“Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” Mark 9.50

Prelude

Welcome

In today's gospel we hear a series of teachings from Jesus that begins with an invitation to service and sacrifice and ends with the encouragement to live as salty people at peace with one another. Who is a salty person that helps give you an appetite to follow Jesus?

Prayer

Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

Bless us as we hear your word.

Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Time for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

whose teaching is life,

whose presence is sure,

and whose love is endless. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

You are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of the score is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing'. The second line of the score contains the lyrics 'in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the'. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his asked . . . mouth came my Lord if fire and smoke.
 chills the bod - y but not the mine. soul.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual

May 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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

Children's Moment

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found

favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)

Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia,
Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you O Christ!**

Gospel Greeting (sing it out!)

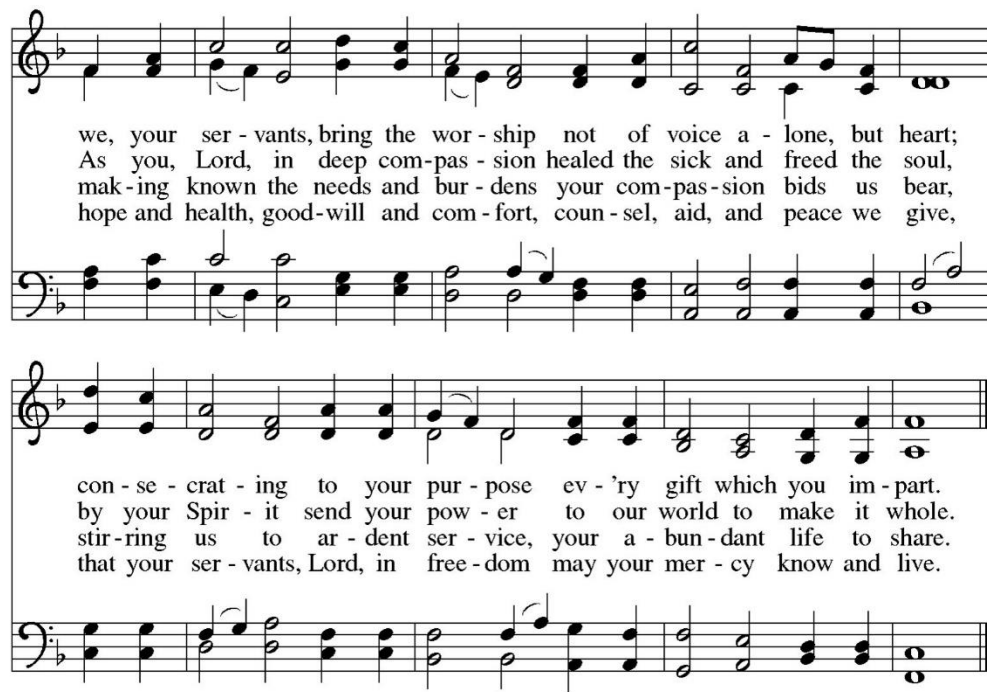
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Message

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Apostles Creed

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 into hell.

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 Peace

Announcements—

--10/09 is the Yard Sale to benefit the Lunch Project (Dec. 19!)

--Thirsty Thursday: Pictures to prandall22@gmail.com. Theme: "Receive the Kingdom of God"

--Weds. Bible Study on Facebook live at 10 AM

Offering time

Offering Prayer: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

As we have been made God's children and inheritors of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation, we give thanks for DW Fields Park, the seashore on the Cape, and the nature preserves and sanctuaries in our towns. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, those who set up, and our counters. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us with your promise of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy,
May the Lord look upon you with favor
And grant you peace. **Amen!**

Go, Make Disciples



"Go, make dis-ci-ples, bap-tiz-ing them, teach-ing them.

Go, make dis-ci-ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit-y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv-ing me. Go, make dis-ci-ples."

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thanks for joining us!

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