

Prince of Peace
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The 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday September 12, 2021



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8.34

Prelude

Welcome

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus keeps the disciples quiet about any Messiah identity, but Jesus speaks openly about his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter tries to counsel Jesus that no one willingly chooses to go along with that kind of plan. Nobody likes a loser. But Jesus responds that Peter has lost sight of what is most important in life. What is most important in your life?

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.

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The accompaniment in the bass staff provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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: O God, out of suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,
 and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the
 gospel we may turn away from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my begging,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;**
I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)

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

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

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For

what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold;
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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—

- Today at 2:30 PM Pastor John Polk installation and cookout at Holy Trinity in.**
- Thirsty Thursday: Pictures to prandall22@gmail.com. Theme: “We Welcome Children”**
- Weds. Bible Study will return next week on September 22 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.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gathering God, you bring this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. 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!**

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove; join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness, to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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