



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Dona Nobis Pacem/Give Us Peace" Traditional
"Dona Nobis" from the Sixteenth Mass W.A. Mozart

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Praise the Lord.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

* **All Singing: 353 "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 298 "Salaam/Peace"**

Soloists introducing verse 1 first in Arabic, then in English

All joining to sing verses 2 and 3

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

All: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Liturgist: Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them, that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

All: We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.
Psalm 106:2-6

Silent Confession and Reflection

Choir: "Mercy" by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace, and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with your pardon, purity.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love,
You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one,
Who seeks Your face.

A broken heart, a fainting soul,
A contrite spirit, together cry
For Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

Liturgist: Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

All: But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Liturgist: Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
Matthew 22:1-10

* **All Singing: 825 "Beneath the Cross"**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Eirene*

* **All Singing:** 334 “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund

2. Daystar Academy

Choir: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” by Hubert Perry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

* **All Singing:** 965 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** “Stars in the World” P. van der Bijl, based on Phil. 2:15-16
Soloist singing once; all joining to repeat

**God will give you strength, God will give you peace,
God will give you hope in your time of need.**

**Go in the name of Christ, go with the Word of life,
Shine like the stars in this darkening world.
Walk in his love, filled with his joy, blameless and pure.**

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Avery Westerveld
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Lisa Dykstra
Soloists:	Jennifer LaChonce	Prayer:	Mark J Dykstra
	Aron Reppmann		
Guitar:	Jeremy Hulford		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Choir Accompanist:	Beverly Baar		
Minister:	Erin Pacheco		

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