

seasoning



*the Wilderness*

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 26, 2021 | 5:00 pm

## Prelude

*At the invitation of the Presider, the People rise*

## Gathering Song

### God is Love, let heaven adore him



1. God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re -  
2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in one em -  
3. God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all hu - man



joyce; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him  
brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - ery child of  
life, God's e - ter - nal lo - ving kind - ness guides us through our



with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are\_  
earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



-da - tion, God who spread the hea - vens a - bove,  
break ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod,  
ne - ver o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain;



God who breathes through all cre - a - tion:  
then we find that self - same a - ching  
God is Love, so Love for - e - ver



God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
deep with - in the heart of God.  
o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

## Opening Acclamation

In the name of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity.

**Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin and Absolution

As we prepare to celebrate the holy mysteries, let us confess our sins, confident in God's infinite mercy.

*Silence*

**Our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin we have committed and sin done on our behalf. In your mercy, heal and make us whole through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

You are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

God is with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Pour out your Spirit, O God, over all the world to inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you. Grant that we who confess Jesus as Savior may shun whatever is contrary to this faith and give witness to your love that has saved us in Christ, for he lives and reigns with you in union with the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Reading

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

The riffraff among them had a strong craving. Even the Israelites cried again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing but manna in front of us." Moses heard the people crying throughout their clans, each at his tent's entrance. The LORD was outraged, and Moses was upset. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? And why haven't I found favor in your eyes, for you have placed the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, 'Carry them at the breast, as a nurse carries an unweaned child,' to the fertile land that you promised their ancestors? Where am I to get meat for all these people? They are crying before me and saying, 'Give us meat, so we can eat.' I can't bear this people on my own. They're too heavy for me. If you're going to treat me like this, please kill me. If I've found favor in your eyes, then don't let me endure this wretched situation." The LORD said to Moses, "Gather before me seventy men from Israel's elders, whom you know as elders and officers of the people. Take them to the meeting tent, and let them stand there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the LORD's words. He assembled seventy men from the people's elders and placed them around the tent. The LORD descended in a cloud, spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the



*All rise*

## **The Alleluia Verse**

### **The Gospel**

*Mark 9:38-50*

The Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

#### **Praise and Glory to God.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us." Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. Whoever isn't against us is for us. I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded. "As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out. If your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet. If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out. It's better for you to enter God's kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two. That's a place *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out*. Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other."

Good news from the Lord.

#### **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*All sit*

### **The Reflection**

### **Open Space**

You have heard us. We thank you. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Christ's peace is with you.

**And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a socially distanced sign of Peace*

### **Offertory Music**

*The Wilderness Musicians*

## Thanksgiving at the Table

God is with you

**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.**

*The Presider gives thanks to God for God's creative acts in history*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly\_ Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, Heav - en and earth\_ are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
san - na in the\_ high - est! Blessed is the one\_ who  
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord\_ Ho -  
san - na in the\_ high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the\_ high - est!

*The Presider gives thanks to God for God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ and then says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying, you destroy our death.**

**Rising, you restore our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Presider concludes by saying*

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in union with your Holy Spirit, all praise, honor, and glory are yours, Holy God, in this age and in the age to come. **AMEN.**

*Silence*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus taught his friends, 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of Bread**

Behold who you are; become what you receive.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

At this altar, holy God, your people have feasted on the food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Strengthen us to live lives of love, to speak words of healing, and to mend the world you created.

**Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

You have received the Body of Christ, now become the Body of Christ, broken, poured out, and risen for the life of the world; and the blessing of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity be upon this day and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

## I want to walk as a child of the light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world; The  
Clear Sun of right - eous-ness, shine on my path And  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all; The night and the day are



both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus

## The Dismissal

Join in the dance of the Holy Trinity.

**Thanks be to God.**

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