

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021 at 10 o'clock



The church is constituted as a new people who have gathered from the nations to remind the world that we are in fact one people. Gathering, therefore, is an eschatological act as it is the foretaste of the unity of the communion of the saints.

Stanley Hauerwas

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 634

J. S. Bach

SHARING OUR WELCOME

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: Creator God, we are here, together in hope!

All: Out loud, but muted, with community and creation

One: With neighbors near and far

All: Out loud, but muted, with those known and new

One: With Christians across geography and across time,

All: Out loud, but muted, together in hope. Let us worship!

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HYMN NO. 687

In Christ There Is No East or West
Sung by the choir.

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PRAYER OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

Facing East: All good things come from the East. The freshening wind brings warm rain and sunshine. Each day guide us to see you in everything we do, everyone we meet. Be kind in your blessings, Lord.

Facing South: The warming south winds bring new growth, gentle rain, healing sunshine. Bless us with enough food and good things from the earth. As we eat nourishing food, help us to know you as the giver of all good gifts, Lord.

Facing West: The sun sets in the West giving us glorious colors in our life. Night can sometimes be scary. The darkness can also mean calming, healing sleep. May good dreams and deep sleep cleanse us from all that is bad or evil. Renew and refresh us, O Lord.

Facing North: North winds sometimes bring stormy weather and snow. Holy One, let your warmth in our coldness wrap us with a blanket of love to keep away all that hurts. May all our people have warm houses and full tables against winter's chill. Amen.

The Lakota Prayer Book written by Fr. Charles Flood, SCJ and edited by Dn. David Nagel, SCJ

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

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Gabriel Fauré

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid

SERMON

Enfolding Love

Michael Newheart

HYMN NO. 393

One Bread, One Body

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Sung by the choir.

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SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

One: As do many Christians far and near, we gather around the Table,

Side 1: eating sourdough, rye, tortillas,

Side 2: crackers, wafers and Wonderbread –

All: The Body of Christ.

One: Drinking the wine or the juice

Side 1: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Side 2: golden spoons and little mini cups.

All: The blood of Christ.

One: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

Side 1: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Side 2: This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

Prayer, including The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the bread and cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN NO. 392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Join as you are able!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain