

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Lectionary 19, Year A**



*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) -- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

HYMN OF THE MONTH *O God, You Search Me*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

verses 1 & 4

No. 756

- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 4 **O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

GREETING P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE *Spoken*

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C. Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

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P. *Spoken* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C. Sung** <sup>1</sup> **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

<sup>2</sup> **Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you **C. And also with you.**

**O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S WORD

##### PSALM 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

#### A READING FROM: ROMANS 10:5-15 *Hearing and confessing the word of faith*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**     *Sung*

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**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 14:22-33**     *Jesus walking on the sea*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON     Pastor Julie Rogness

**HYMN**     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**No. 773**

- 1     **Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 2     **When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 3     **When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER – *SILENCE FOR REFLECTION* – PRAYERS

SHARING OF PEACE – *The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.*

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING     *Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING — PREFACE—HOLY, HOLY

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**Spoken**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sung**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION    *The gifts of God for the people of God. Let us keep the feast.*

## DISTRIBUTION & Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION HYMN    *When Peace Like a River*

**No. 785**

1 **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul.**

*REFRAIN*    **It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. REFRAIN**

3 **He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! REFRAIN**

4 **Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. REFRAIN**

## COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

1      **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

*REFRAIN*      **No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

2      **Through all the tumult and the strife, hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?** *REFRAIN*

4      **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?** *REFRAIN*

*Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL    L:      Go in peace. Share the Harvest.  
                  C:      **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE    *Walking with the Savior*

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### **CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUN/AUG 13	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed.
	4 PM	BOOK DISCUSSION @ LACEY'S All welcome
	7 PM	AA
MON/AUG 14	6 PM	<i>New Orleans Natl Youth Gathering Interest Meeting @ <b>Vang</b></i>
WED/AUG 16	6 PM	WORSHIP OUTDOORS – BYO Chair
	6:30 PM	Council
	6:30 PM	MOVIE NIGHT - <i>Charlotte's Web</i> – w/popcorn...outdoors weather permitting
THU/AUG 17	4-7 PM	FARMERS MARKET
	7 PM	AA
SUN/AUG 20	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed.

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