
Traditional Worship Guide

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

ANTHEM (10:30)

"You Are Holy"

Chancel Choir

WELCOME

HYMN: *"As Saints of Old"* # **695**

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.
- 2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgement, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Bible, pg. 1438

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*congregation*)



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 1-16

Bible, pg. 1529

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.

HYMN: *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* # **765**

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of day.

- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe.
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
**C: Everything old has passed away;
 behold everything has become new!** [2 Cor 5:17]
- P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
 Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence 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.**

The pastor announces the words of forgiveness.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

BIBLE STUDY TESTIMONY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: P: ...Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Give Me Jesus" # **770**

- 1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
 You may have all the rest,
 give me Jesus.

- 2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*
- 5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Be, live as, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.