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Worship Times  
Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



Pastor  
Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



*October 16, 2022*  
*Nineteenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

# Gathering

## ✠ INTRODUCTION

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

## ✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P Beloved of God: in the name of Jesus Christ † your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ GATHERING HYMN – What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW #742)

## ✠ 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.**

## ✠ GLORY TO GOD – Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW #167)

*Refrain:*

Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

# Word

## ✠ FIRST LESSON – Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup>Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✘ RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## ✘ SECOND LESSON – 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.*

✠ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW, p. 102, Setting One)**

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff shows the beginning of a repeat section, indicated by the instruction "Repeat alleluia" written below the staff. The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

## ✠ GOSPEL – Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✠ SERMON

## ✠ HYMN OF THE DAY – There Is a Longing in Our Hearts, O Lord. (ACS #1078)

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## ✠ APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**C 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.**

## ✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen**

## ✘ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## ✘ OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world.  
After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward. Please stand, as you  
are able.*

## ✘ OFFERING PRAYER

A Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C **Amen.**

# Meal

## ✘ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

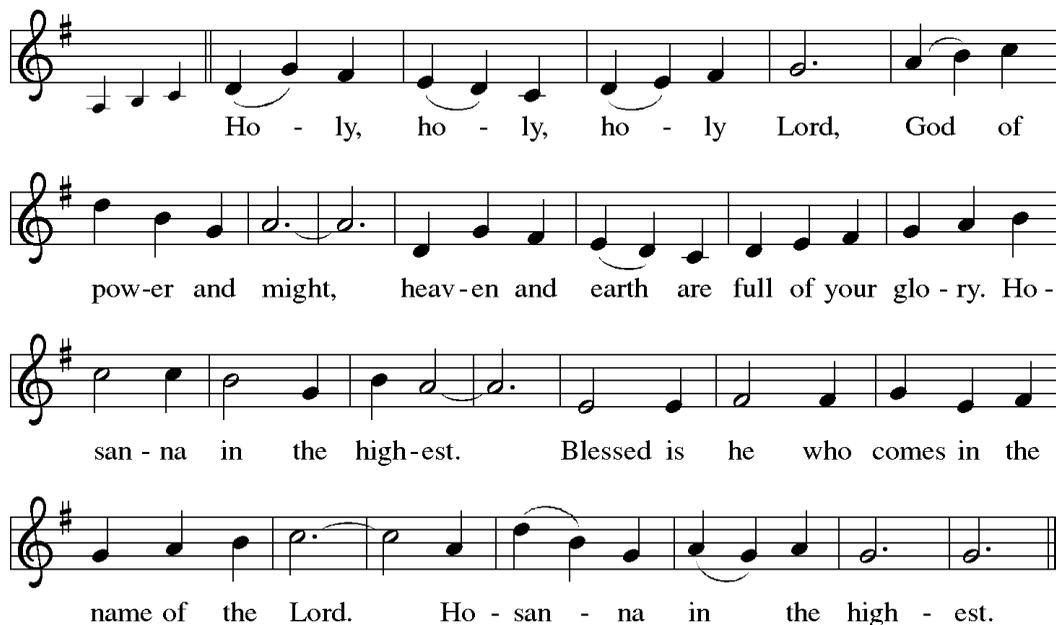
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious  
resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of  
angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and  
join their unending hymn:

## ✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108, Setting One)



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 he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## ✠ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...

to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...

and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants...

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – O Lord, Hear My Prayer (ELW #751)

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## ✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ SENDING HYMN – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (ELW #620) vs. 1, 2, and 4

## ✠ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Monthly Bible Study Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Our three session study focuses on "What does the Bible teach us about our kinship with and our responsibility to all creation?"

**Session two:** *Dirt* The topic of dirt is a common theme in the Bible. See how something so “lowly” can be so important.

Come and bring a friend to share your thoughts with others.

For further information, contact **Hattie Hammer**.

**Kris Davies** will be leading the study this month.

## ⌘ **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias
Assisting Minister:	Mel Hammer
Lay Reader:	Hattie Hammer
Communion Cup Holder:	Cassi Bennett
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