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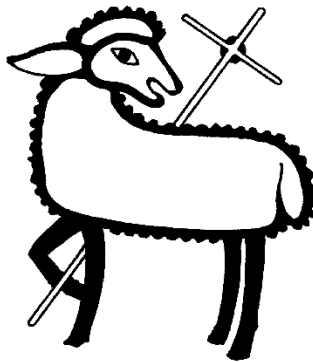
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ELW Holy Communion, Setting 10

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

A warm welcome to those who are here worshipping in-person and on-line with us today! Here at Grace Lutheran we believe God is active in your life. Even you being here now is testament of God's calling and leading in your heart, which you have faithfully heeded. So we welcome you, and pray that today you will be nurtured and that the gifts that God has graciously given you will be stirred for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day as two congregations worshipping the same Lord, who is our habitation and refuge. For our Lord God shields us from evil and affliction and sends angels to watch and guard over us in community with each other and all of creation. And so we sing praises to this Lord, call out to our God, and trust that we are rescued, redeemed, and saved, through Jesus Christ. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (#618)

GREETING

The redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the forgiving love of God, and the inviting fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have called us to this place and you speak to us promise of your holy word. May we be immersed in the font of your grace, that as we drink from the cup of your blessing, we might be drawn deeper into your presence and strengthened to love and serve, as shown to us by Jesus Christ our Saviour and brother. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from Hebrews.

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Preached by Rev. Justin Cheng of All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (#659)

CREED (p. 104)

With the wholeness of God's people joined in worship, let us confess the Christian faith with the Apostle's 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to humbly serve God and neighbour, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with "by your saving mercy, O God," and you all may respond with **hear our prayer**. By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord Most High, you are our refuge and habitation, in you we fear no evil or affliction. May the life of the church always reflect the safety and security we have in your salvation, that we needn't seek anything but to be your servants. We remember in prayer our neighbouring faith communities; those who use this building for worship, work, and play; our partners Anglican Church of Canada and Moravian Church in Canada; and our bishops, rostered ministers, congregations, and ministries of the ELCIC. In particular we pray for Oakridge Lutheran Church in Vancouver and the pastors and leaders that support them; as well as for Redeemer Lutheran Church also in Vancouver and their pastor Katrina Vigen. By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord of all creation, you have made this planet for us to dwell in and you have filled it with reminders of your beauty and wonder. Help us in our care for your creation and all its creatures, and sustain the health and wellbeing of all that you have made. By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord our God, you guard us in all our ways but often violence and turmoil strike us as we go astray. Be with all politicians and world leaders and especially our newly elected officials in this province and country, and grant them your wisdom in leadership and governance, as we all strive toward peace. We also pray for the continued support of those that we've sponsored to

come into our country: Abraham Barhane; and Solyana Amanuel; as well as for those that have not yet arrived: Maekele Kiflu, Selam Haile, and their children; and Filimon Abraha. By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord our Rock and Redeemer, you deliver us and uphold us, and you answer us when we call. Be especially with those among us who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely or in trouble, and rescue them from their afflictions. In particular we pray for Bryan and Chona; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Debbie; Beulah; Bev and family; John and Betty; Sukhwant; Bishop Kathy; Pastor Kristen; Laura; Kandie; Thomas; Will; Chris; Larry; Walter; Piet; Hwee Yang; Ephraim; Georgina; Teddy and family; and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time... By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all eternity, you grant us salvation and you satisfy us with your promise of eternal life with you and all the saints. Remind us always of their lives of faith, that they might continually inform and guide us in living ours. By your saving mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and grace, revealed to us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (p. 106)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who shows us your ways of steadfast love and everlasting life, joining us with the choirs of angels, hosts of heaven, and the whole church on earth in praising your name with this unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 207)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Yes Lord, you are holy and mighty and you give to us everlasting love and eternal life in your community of service and praise. You fill us with the sure and certain hope of your salvation, and reveal us your promises of welcome and inclusion. And in the fulness of time you send to us Jesus your Son, to live among us as one of us, teaching us your ways of righteous and peace.

For on the night that he was betrayed, your Son Jesus sat with his friends for a meal, where he took the bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it with all saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And then after they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks, and passed it around the table for them to drink from saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

It is in this bread and cup that we remember our journey through love and community and humble service, even as we together proclaim this mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So it is to you, O God, that all honour and glory belong, for your unending grace and mercy for us all, allowing us security in our identity as your people, strength in our calling to be your servants, and salvation in your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 112)

Gathered into humility and community by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see, God's grace for us all.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lamb of God (p. 208)

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (#707)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (#708)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have again fed us and nourished us with your truth and promises, and you bring us to see you through your Word more clearly. Continue strengthening us to serve you and neighbour, that we might be an accurate reflection of your grace in the world, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God our Shepherd deliver you and protect you,
God our Saviour answer you when you call,
God the Spirit satisfy you with life and salvation, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (#712)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, live as God's humble servants in the world.
Thanks be to God.

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