

Contemporary Worship

September 18, 2022
Time After Pentecost
Lectionary 25

GATHERING MUSIC

Let Everything (Praise the Lord)
– Barrett/Bashta/Smith/Feucht/Ingram

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
With all of my heart, with all of my strength, with all that I have,
I will sing. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

*There is a river that flows unrestrained from Your heart,
Canyons of mercy so deep I could never depart.
Father, Your wonders are endless.
Open my eyes to believe. Awake my soul.*

*Morning by morning, Your faithfulness shines like the sun.
Heaven's on fire, alive with the brilliance of love.
Father, Your wonders are endless.
Open my eyes to believe. Awake my soul.*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

SONG *

Sanctuary

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Verse 1: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Verse 2: When You come in shouts of glory, and my work here on earth is done
How I long to hear You saying, "Faithful servant well done."

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GOSPEL LESSON *

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

Lord, Be Glorified

- Verse 1: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- Verse 2: In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- Verse 3: In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- Verse 4: In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in “God of grace,”

Assembly: hear our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “through Jesus Christ, our Savior.”

Assembly: Amen.

OFFERING

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly – Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin
Praise Team*

*It all comes down to this, what you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself, and You above all things.*

*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.*

*It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world, the truth will set us free.*

*It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing.
It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.*

*Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.
Faith, just like a seed, the only way it grows.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: We come before God and each other in a time of confession.

Assembly: O God,

**forgive us when we fail to give thanks for how you continually bless us,
forgive us when we do not use our blessings to bless others,
forgive us when we use our blessings in destructive ways**

that bring harm to your creation.

May we use our blessings as your faithful servants.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

LORD'S PRAYER *

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the
receptacles at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and
dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.*

Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of love...

Come to the table of joy...

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

BLESSING *

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (Refrain)

Act justly, love mercy,

Walk humbly with you, God.

In all things, in all ways,

Walk humbly with you, God.

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DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with justice and love.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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Praise Team

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given in honor of the August 11 birth of Jackson Robert Ellinger to Matt and Natalie Ellinger. Proud grandparents are Dave and Mary Woodyard.

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