



Redeemer Lutheran
TORONTO, ONTARIO

Finding Life in Community

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2020
(Congregational Parts are in **Bold**)

INTRODUCTION

Hannah's story is one which most, if not all of us, can relate to. We have probably at one time or another during the course of our lives felt barren, unproductive, and forgotten by our family, friends, or by God. Hannah's is not a story about wishes come true. Hers is neither a story for women who struggle with infertility nor a story that perpetuates the myth of retributive justice. To borrow words from Psalm 106 it is a story about standing in the breach.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (p. 97)

GATHERING SONG

For All the Faithful Women #419

Verses 1, 4, and Last

For All the Faithful Women



- 1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
 in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
 we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
 With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
 that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
 we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Miriam

- 3 We praise your name for Miriam
 who sang triumphantly
 while Pharaoh's vaunted army
 lay drowned beneath the sea.
 As Israel marched to freedom,
 her chains of bondage gone,
 so may we reach the kingdom
 your mighty arm has won.

Martha and Mary

- 7 We sing of busy Martha
 who toiled with pot and pan
 while Mary sat in silence
 to hear the word again.
 Christ, keep our hearts attentive
 to truth that you declare,
 and strengthen us for service
 when work becomes our prayer.

Hannah

- 4 To Hannah, praying childless
 before the throne of grace,
 you gave a son and called him
 to serve before your face.
 Grant us her perseverance;
 Lord, teach us how to pray
 and trust in your deliv'rance
 when darkness hides our way.

The Woman at the Well

- 8 Recall the outcast woman
 with whom our Lord conversed:
 Christ gave her living water
 to quench her deepest thirst.
 Like hers, our hearts are yearning;
 Christ offers us his word.
 Then may our lips be burning
 to witness to our Lord.

Ruth

- 5 For Ruth who left her homeland
 and ventured forth in faith,
 who pledged to serve and worship
 Naomi's God till death,
 we praise you, God of Israel,
 and pray for hearts set free
 to bind ourselves to others
 in love and loyalty.

Mary Magdalene

- 9 We praise the other Mary
 who came at Easter dawn
 and near the tomb did tarry,
 but found her Lord was gone.
 As joyfully she saw him
 in resurrection light,
 may we by faith behold him,
 the day who ends all night.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of hope, **you promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as siblings in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Soli Deo Gloria* #878

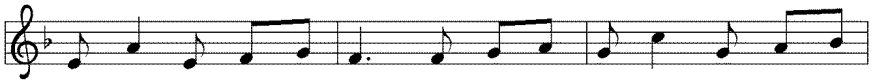
Soli Deo Gloria



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

We believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental capacity.

We believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.

We believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples—people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.

We believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

We believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Saviour, and Holy Power of Love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (from setting six, p. 173)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]

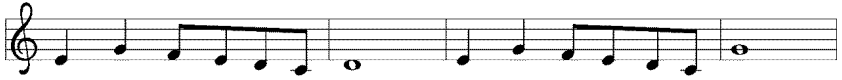
Trusting his presence in every time and place,
we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* #814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *O Living Bread from Heaven* #542

O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.

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