



Redeemer Lutheran
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*Finding **Life** in Community*

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2020

(Congregational Parts are in **Bold**)

INTRODUCTION

God has promised, but God's promises look empty in the face of barrenness and hopelessness. "Fear not," God says, but Abraham responds, "You have given me no son." You have not kept your promises.

This story forces us to confront our own hopes and fears. What promises to us have been broken? Where are our places of barrenness and disappointment? What present reality keeps us from being able to hope? Because it is not just Abraham, of course. Present reality has a way of overwhelming future hope, and the promises of God too often seem to remain just that, promises. But that place of hopelessness is not where the story ends. God speaks God's promise again, that Abraham will have a son. And then, to illustrate that promise, God brings Abraham outside into the night.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG *Many and Great, O God* #837
Both English Verses

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
 Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune; arr. *Songs of the People*, 1986
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GREETING

The grace of our Saviour Jesus 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 the covenant, as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. 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

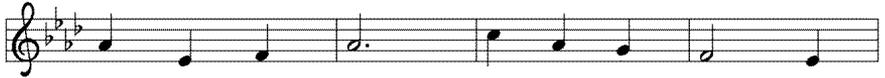
SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 15: 1-6

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Earth and All Stars!* #731
Verses 1, 2, and 5

Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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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

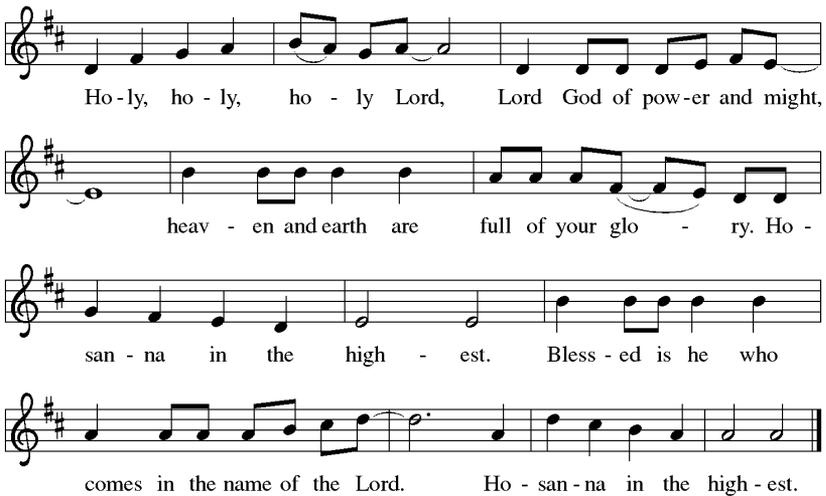
God is with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught in the language and words of our hearts:

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

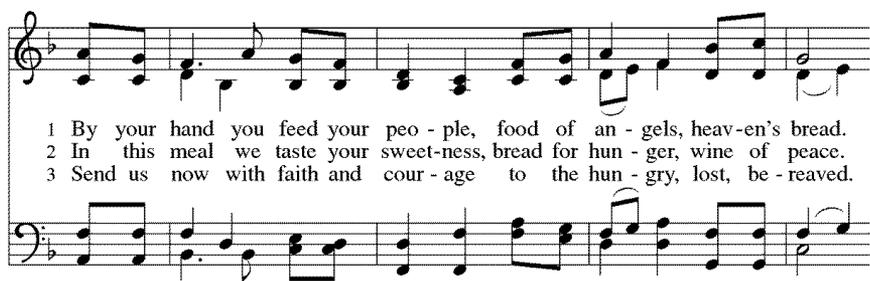
The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* #469

Verse #2

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

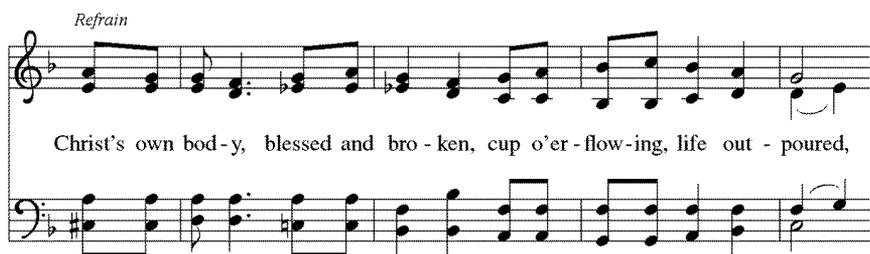


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

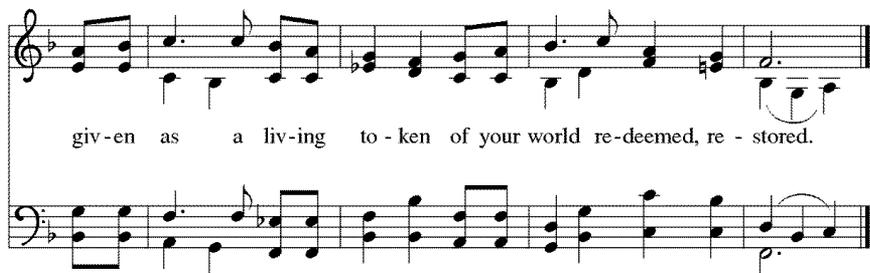


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

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

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Oh, Sing to God Above # 555* - both
Verses

Oh, Sing to God Above

Cantemos al Señor



1 *Can-te-mos al Se-ñor* *un him-no de a-le-grí-a,*
 2 *Can-te-mos al Se-ñor* *un him-no de a-la-ban-za*
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



un cán-ti-co de a-mor *al na-cer el nue-vo dí-a.*
que ex-pre-se nues-tro a-mor, *nues-tra fe y nues-tra es-pe-ran-za.*
 a song of grate-ful love in the new day's light re-peat-ing:
 a song of grate-ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex-press-ing:



El hi-zo el cie-lo, el mar, *el sol y las es-tre-llas*
En to-da la crea-ción *pre-go-na su gran-de-za,*
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;
 cre-a-tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo-ry,



y vio en e-llos bon-dad, *pues sus o-bras e-ran be-las.*
a-sí nues-tro can-tar *va a-nun-cian-do su be-lle-za.*
 de-light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won-der.
 and we, too, will re-joice to pro-claim the sav-ing sto-ry.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡A-le-lu-ya! *¡A-le-lu-ya!* *Can-te-mos al Se-*
Al-le-lu-ia! *Al-le-lu-ia!* *Oh, sing to God a-*



ñor: ¡A-le-lu-ya! *¡A-le-lu-ya!* *¡A-le-lu-*
bove: Al-le-lu-ia! *Al-le-lu-ia!* *Al-le-lu-*



ya! *Can-te-mos al Se-ñor: ¡A-le-lu-ya!*
ia! *Oh, sing to God a-bove: Al-le-lu-ia!*

Last time



Can-te-mos al Se-ñor: ¡A-le-lu-ya!
Oh, sing to God a-bove: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

Go, children of God,
with a song on your lips,
with love in your hearts,
with joy in your soul.

Go, children of God, to praise in love,
by serving the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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