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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T October 11, 2020 T 9:00 am

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Song:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by Matt & Beth Redman

1. Blessed be Your Name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name	2. Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name
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[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say,

[Chorus]

“Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

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3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's “all as it should be”
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say,

[Chorus]

“Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

[Sing the Bridge – twice:]

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be Your name.”

[Repeat the Chorus to End the Song]

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God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin.”*

Psalm 32:5b NIV

P O Lord, my God,

C I confess that I sin against You every day.

I am self-centered – neither loving You with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength,
nor loving my neighbors as myself.

I think thoughts, speak words, and do things that You forbid.

And I fail to think, speak, and do the things which You command.

For all of this I deserve Your punishment and abandonment, both now and forever.

But I ask You for mercy because of what Your Son, Jesus Christ, has done
by living, dying, and rising on my behalf.

Forgive me all my sins and sinfulness.

Help me to seek comfort, strength, and direction from Your Word,
and give me the renewing power of Your Holy Spirit
to live my life in ways that always bring glory to You. Amen.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:21,23 NIV

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself
like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's Gift of His Word

By ourselves we are spiritually dead.

By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.

However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.

He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

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[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Isaiah writes:]

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 4:4-13

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 22:1-14

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]

[Jesus was still in the temple, speaking to the chief priests and elders of the people.] Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

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Apostles' Creed

P Together we confess our common Christian Faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Roland Ernest Pillack

Pastor Pillack's Favorite Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress"

LSB # 656

A musical score for the hymn "A Mighty Fortress" in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now overtaken. The old evil foe Now means

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth

is not his e - qual.

2. With might of ours can naught be done • Soon were our loss effected;
 But for us fights the valiant One • Whom God Himself elected.
 Ask ye, Who is this? • Jesus Christ it is • Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there's none other God • He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill • All eager to devour us,
 We tremble not, we fear no ill • They shall not overpow'r us.
 This world's prince may still • Scowl fierce as he will • He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done • One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain • Nor any thanks have for it;
 He's by our side upon the plain • With His good gifts and Spirit.
 And take they our life • Goods, fame, child, and wife • Though these all be gone,
 Our vict'ry has been won • The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Sharing of the Life & Service of Pastor Pillack

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, with gratitude and joy we give thanks this day for Pastor Roland Ernest Pillack, who 51 years ago was ordained and consecrated to the Office of the Holy Ministry in the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. We thank God that Jesus established this office in His Church through which “are imparted not bodily, but eternal things and gifts, namely, eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life” [Augsburg Confession XXVIII, 8]. We praise our Lord that He has permitted His servant, Roland, to serve His Church these many years and that He has sustained and supported him and blessed his ministry among us and all those places in which he was called to serve

The Word of the Lord through the Apostle Paul

A “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.” — *Philippians 1:3-8*

A “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” — *1 Corinthians 15:58*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

The Word of the Lord through the Psalmists Moses, David, and others

P I will extol You, my God and King, *Psalms 119:103, 33, 76, 89-90; 90:17; antiphon: Psalm 145:1*

C and bless Your name forever and ever.

P How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes;

C and I will keep it to the end.

P Let Your steadfast love comfort me

C according to Your promise to Your servant.

P Forever, O Lord,

C Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us;

C yes, establish the work of our hands!

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will extol You, my God and King,

C and bless Your name forever and ever.

The Prayer of God's People

P Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised to send Your servants the Holy Spirit and to give them power from on high. We give thanks that through Your Word You also called Rev. Roland Ernest Pillack as Your servant and entrusted him with the Office of the Holy Ministry. We praise Your mercy and faithfulness and ask that You continue to keep him in good health and firm faith. Grant that he may continue to be a blessing to Your people and that they may be a blessing to him. Open everywhere the hearts of the faithful that Your Word may be received and that laborers in Your harvest may not be lacking. Cause Your Church to grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Blessing

P Brother Roland, go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for your faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

Hymn Response: "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB # 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!



2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

- 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

To maximize health & safety for everyone, offering plates will not be passed during the service.

You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.

We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting

His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.

Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

— Hebrews 4:14-16

The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed.

We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us.

We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

God's Gift of His Supper

Out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive & a part of His family.

The relationships within our earthly families are strengthened through shared meals.

Even more so is our relationship with God and one another strengthened by a meal:

"Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread."

— 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 NNAS

An Explanation of the Supper

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

P Together, in, with, and under the bread and wine, this is the very body and blood of our crucified but risen Savior, Jesus Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; therefore, the peace of the Lord is with you always.

C Amen.

God Gives Us the Gift of Jesus' Body and Blood

Jesus has said "This is My Body, this is My Blood, given and shed for YOU for the Forgiveness of Sins."

During the singing of the following song,

the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

The communion wafer will be given to you in a cup. The wine will be given to you in another cup.

After eating and drinking, place both of the empty cups in the container presented to you.

Distribution Song:

"I Am the Bread of Life"

by Suzanne Toolan

1. "I am the Bread of life.

You who come to Me shall not hunger;

And who believe in Me shall not thirst.

No one can come to Me

Unless the Father beckons."

[Refrain]

2. "The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,

And if you eat of this bread,

You shall live forever,

You shall live forever."

[Refrain]

[Refrain:]

"And I will raise you up,

And I will raise you up,

And I will raise you up,

On the last day."

3. "Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
and drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you."

[Refrain]

4. "I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in Me,
Even though you die,
You shall live forever."
[Refrain]

5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that You are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
Into the world.
[Refrain]

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The Dismissal

P Now may this True Body and True Blood of Jesus, our crucified but risen Savior,
strengthen and preserve each of you in the True Faith from now until our Lord returns.
His Peace is with you. Your sins have been forgiven indeed!

C Amen.

Final Prayer

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and
that our bodies which have tasted of Your Son's Body and Blood
may be restored to newness of life through faith in Him.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Song:

"You Never Let Go"

by Beth & Matt Redman

<p>[Verse 1:] Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death Your perfect love is casting out fear And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life I won't turn back, I know You are near [Sing Pre-Chorus & Chorus]</p>	<p>[Verse 2:] And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on A glorious light beyond all compare And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes We'll live to know You here on the earth [Sing Pre-Chorus & Chorus]</p>
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[Pre-Chorus:]
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

[Chorus:]
Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

You keep on runnin', and You never let go. Singin'...

[Repeat the Chorus]

[Then sing the following Bridge - twice:]

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

[To End - Repeat the Chorus - twice]

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Announcements (See below)

Post-Service Music

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Our Next Service will be held *THIS coming* Saturday, October 17, at 5:00 pm. The Saturday services thereafter will be at 5:00 pm on October 31 and November 14. Besides today, the upcoming Sunday services will be at 9:00 am on October 25 and November 8.

Drive Through Celebrations of the Lord's Supper • For the sake of those Mt. Olive members who are continuing to “shelter in place” during the pandemic, we have resumed our drive through celebrations of the Lord's Supper on a *monthly* basis. The next drive through communion will held be on Saturday, October 24, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. We will be observing the same safety protocols as before: Those assisting will either receive only things passed out of your vehicle (such as your offering) or only pass things into your vehicle (such as the service order, the communion elements, etc.). You will need to lower your driver's window only far enough to hand things in or out. If you know of anyone who is sheltering in place, please let them know about this opportunity to receive our Lord's Supper.

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