



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020

Officiant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

OUR GREAT GOD

Verse 1

Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing
In grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
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Verse 2

Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

Verse 3

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

ACTS 14:1-23

¹ Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of

it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 1:14-18

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Outdoors: Greeters will dismiss and direct one representative of each household to receive Holy Communion from the Table at the front or rear of our gathering, depending upon where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Single-person households are welcome to receive and consume at the Table. Household representatives will distribute and consume with their family members at the place where they are seated.

Indoors: Greeters will dismiss you by row to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your open palm to receive and wait to consume the bread after you have returned to your pew.

HE'S ON OUR SIDE (PSALM 124)

Verse

Our help has come in the Name of the Lord
The One who formed all the earth and the sky
Behold He comes to destroy the chains of death
And raise us up to life

Chorus

O bless his name for he has given us
Everything we need to fly
Our broken wings they have not hindered us
We have the Lord He's on our side

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with this prayer below:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

HOLY IMAGINATIONS

As we make our way through the Book of Acts this summer, let's engage our imaginations. Kids, youth and adults are all invited to share artwork based on the Sunday Acts passage. No deadlines, and you are welcome to return to earlier passages and prompts anytime.

[Upload your work here.](#)

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTION

- If God called you on a journey like Paul and Barnabas, which aspects of the journey and mission would be most challenging to you?
- Where has God sent you and what work has He given you to do? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's leading, power, and help in that setting and mission?
- What are the costs of following the Holy Spirit? What are the rewards?

Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bethel University and has studied at the University of South Carolina - Aiken, Baylor University, and University of Notre Dame. Andy has served our church as a member of the vestry and in numerous other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

OUTDOOR GATHERED WORSHIP



We look forward to worshipping with you this month!

- Preparations are being made to gather outdoors in the field south of the church building with capacity for 150 people.
- Use of masks is expected of adults and children who are able.
- Online participation will continue to be offered and facilitated.
- [View this linked video explanation](#) for our protocols for gathering.
- Please RSVP below if you have not done so already.

[Please RSVP for the outdoor gathered services using this link.](#)

Indoor Contingency

In the event of rain or excessive heat, a cancellation notice for our outdoor service will be sent out day-of. Please view [this linked video explanation of our protocols for gathered worship indoors](#). We have space in the sanctuary for 60 people to gather for worship indoors and online participation will be offered for households and Better Together groups. Use of masks is expected of adults and children who are able. A separate RSVP for the indoor worship service will be sent out via email in the preceding week.

MORNING PRAYER

Join us in worship on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

RACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE UPDATE

In June, a task force of Church of the Redeemer was assembled to identify ways that we can more effectively show forth God's praise in issues of race and justice. One of the initiatives of the task force has been to seek ways to nurture our relationship with St. John's Karen Anglican Church, an Anglican church made up of first generation refugees from Burma (Myanmar).



On Saturday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m., Church of the Redeemer and St. John's will meet together at Tony Schmidt park in Arden Hills. Following a brief program of worship, testimony, and prayer between our two churches, we'll join in a one-mile fundraising walk around the park. Our

fundraiser will support St. Paul's dormitory in the Mae Ra Moe refugee camp in Thailand, a ministry of the Anglican Church in the camp which provides shelter and education to Karen orphans. 100% of registration funds will be directed to the support of the dormitory.

Please follow the link below to register for the walk:

<https://oftheredeemer.breezechms.com/form/88b5ca>

READING OF ACTS 13 & 14

This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around today's sermon, enjoy [this reading of Acts chapters 15 & 16](#) by the Keillor family.



FAMILIES TOGETHER - CHURCHES TOGETHER



CHURCH OF THE CROSS
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WE ARE THE CHURCH

Copies of *We Are The Church*, a devotional guide for families with children and youth, are available from [Deacon Liz](#). Let's dig in together during the months of July and August and ask the Spirit to grow us more fully into that joyful, grateful, generous community - the Church - that we are reading about in the Book of Acts!

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