

ST. MARK'S IN-THE VALLEY

JULY 11, 2021, THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY: PROPER 10, YEAR B

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Opening Acclamation *(standing, as able)*

Leader Blessed be the ☩ one, holy, and living God.

All **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *(standing, as able, all please join in singing)*

Come, thou fount of every blessing

tune *Nettleton*

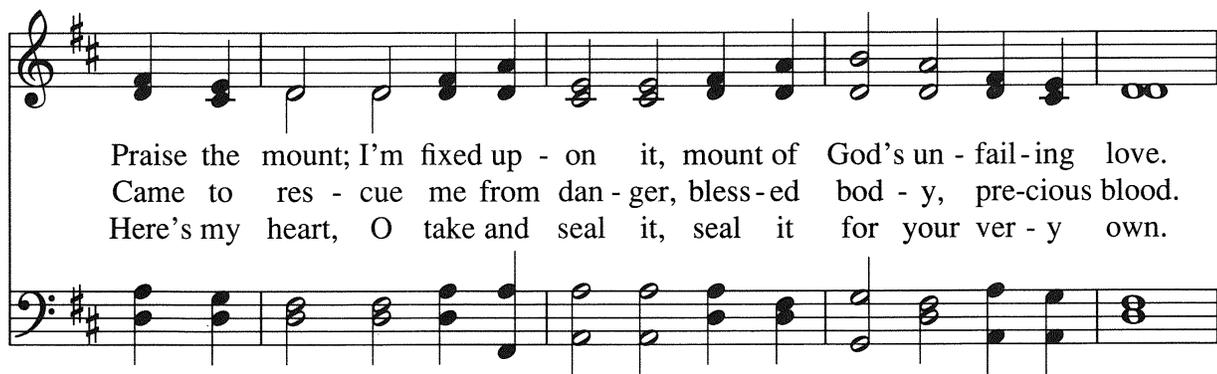
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

1 The hymn continues on the next page...

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Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

The Collect of the Day (*standing, as able*)

Leader God is here.

All **God's spirit is with us.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand with them, and to speak with and for them, in witness to your kingdom now; through Jesus Christ the name above all other.

All **Amen.**

from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Steven Shakespeare

The Readings

First Reading (*seated*)

Amos 7:7-15

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

7 This is what the Sovereign God showed me: God was standing by a wall, a plumb line in hand. ⁸ "What do you see, Amos?" God asked me. "A plumb line," I said.

Then God said to me, "Look, I am going to measure my people Israel by a plumb line. I will no longer excuse their atrocities. ⁹ The high places of Isaac are going to be ruined, the sanctuaries of Israel destroyed. With sword in hand, I will attack the House of Jeroboam."

¹⁰ Amaziah the priest of Bethel then sent the following message to Jeroboam ruler of Israel: "Amos is plotting against you in the midst of the House of Israel. The country can no longer tolerate what he keeps saying. ¹¹ For this is what he says, 'Jeroboam is going to die by the sword, and Israel is going into exile from its land.'"

¹² Amaziah told Amos, "Go away, seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there. Do your prophesying there. ¹³ We want no more prophesying in Bethel. This is the royal sanctuary, the national Temple!"

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah: "I am no prophet. Nor am I the disciple of a prophet. I was a shepherd, and gathered figs for food. ¹⁵ But God took me from herding the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 85:8-13 (*remaining seated, please join in praying the psalm responsively by whole verses*)

Leader ⁸ I will listen to what you have to say, O God—
 a voice that speaks of peace, peace for your people and your friends
 so long as they don't return to their folly.

All ⁹ ***Your salvation is near for those who revere you
 and your glory will dwell in our land.***

Leader ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.

All ¹¹ ***Fidelity will sprout from the earth
 and justice will lean down from heaven.***

Leader ¹² Our God will give us what is good,
 and our land will yield its harvest.

All ¹³ ***Justice will march before you, O God,
 and peace will prepare the way for your steps.***

The Gospel (*standing, as able*)

Mark 6:14-29

Reader The ✠ Holy Gospel of our ✠ Savior Jesus Christ ✠ according to Mark.

All ***Glorify to you, Lord Christ.***

¹⁴ Meanwhile Herod, the ruler of Judea, had heard about Jesus, whose reputation had become widespread. Some people were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead, and that is why such miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ When Herod heard of Jesus, he exclaimed, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead!"

¹⁷ Now it was Herod who had ordered John arrested, chained and imprisoned on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom Herod had married. ¹⁸ For John had told Herod, "It is against the Law for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ As for Herodias, she was furious with John and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. ²⁰ Herod feared John, knowing him to be good and holy, and kept him in custody. When Herod heard John speak he was very much disturbed; yet he was moved by John's words.

²¹ Herodias had her chance one day when Herod on his birthday held a dinner for the court circle, military officers and leaders of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, this delighted Herod and the guests so much that he told the young woman, "Ask me anything you like and I will give it to you." ²³ And Herod swore an oath, "I will give you anything you ask, even half of my entire realm!"

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Herodias replied, "The head of John the Baptizer." ²⁵ The woman hurried back to Herod and made her request: "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptizer on a platter."

²⁶ Herod was deeply distressed by this request, but remembering the oath he swore before the guests, he was reluctant to break his oath to her. ²⁷ So Herod immediately sent one of the bodyguards with orders to bring John's head. The guard beheaded John in prison, ²⁸ then brought the head in on a platter and gave it to the young woman, who gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When John's disciples heard about this, they came and took the body away and laid it in a tomb.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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The Sermon (seated)

Affirmation of Faith (standing, as able)

Leader We are not alone; we live in God's world.

People **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be Christ's Body:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others
to seek justice and resist evil,
to reveal Christ in this world,
crucified and risen,
our support and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Based on A New Creed, United
Church of Canada, 1980

The Prayers of the People (standing, as able)

Leader God, we know that living an authentic life,

All **Realizing our calling**

Leader Awakening to our True Selves,

All **Is risky business.**

Leader We have heard the stories of people who've been
rejected by society,

All **People who knew their work and purpose:**

Leader Like John the Baptist, who was killed;¹

All **Like the prophet Amos, who was turned away;²**

Leader Like Jesus, who preached peace and yet was put to death.

All **And we've also witnessed this pattern in our time.**

Leader While most of us, nowadays, won't come to such
dramatic ends,

All **We understand that authenticity
often meets resistance,**

Leader That people who choose to tend to their true purpose,

All **Are often scorned when they refuse to assimilate.**

Leader So. We ask for strength, courage and clarity:

All **In hearing the still, small voice inside,**

Leader In examining our societal programming,

All **In realizing our gifts,**

Leader In aligning with our true purpose and True Selves,³

All **In creating authentic lives,**

Litany for the Called by
Litanist **Fran Pratt**, from
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and her book *Call and
Response, Litanies for
Congregational Prayer*.
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1. Mark 6:27
2. Amos 7:13
3. Colossians 3:3
4. Ephesians 1:3
5. Ephesians 1:10,11
6. Ephesians 1:13
7. Ephesians 1:7,8

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Leader In any experiences of ridicule, resistance, or shaming,
All ***In following Love's calling.***

Leader We know that we have received every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. ⁴
All ***We are co-inheritors with Christ, in whom all things in heaven
and on earth are gathered up.*** ⁵

Leader We are sealed and filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁶
All ***We are lavished with wisdom, insight, and the riches of your grace.*** ⁷

Leader Everything we need,
All ***We've already been given. Hallelujah.***

Leader It's up to us to take hold of it,
All ***Even if that means we'll encounter trouble.***

Leader Because we understand that nothing compares to the beauty and joy
All ***Of a life aligned with Love. Amen.***

Confession and Absolution (*kneeling, as able*)

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of reflective quiet will be kept.

All ***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.***

Leader ✠ Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us our sins, and brings us to everlasting life.
All ***Amen.***

The Peace (*standing, as able*)

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

All ***And also with you.***

*All are invited to greet one another
and to share a sign of peace.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given us.

Voluntary *Be Not Afraid*

NICHOLE DECHAINED, *soprano*, BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

Bob Dufford, SJ

¹ You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

² If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

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³ Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you who weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

At the Offertory

Leader Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings to love and serve the world.

All ***Blessed be God for ever.***

The Great Thanksgiving (*standing, as able*)

Leader God is here.

All ***God's Spirit is with us.***

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All ***We lift them to God.***

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Savior.

All ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader O God, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. His living, dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All ***Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth, sea, sky, and all that lives declare your presence and your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

We praise and bless you, loving Creator, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we gather at this holy table, send your Holy Spirit, that this broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in the remembrance of me.

So, Holy One, we remember all that Jesus was and did, in him we embrace with confidence his coming among all of us as one of us, his birth, life, and self-offering upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

All ***Living and dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Continue to look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Blessed Mark, Blessed Mary of Magdala, Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

All ***AMEN.***

THE TEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Side 1 Our Father

Side 2 *Our Creator*

Side 1 Who art in heaven

Side 2 *Who is in all the earth*

Side 1 Hallowed be thy name

Side 2 *Holy is your truth*

Side 1 Thy kingdom come

Side 2 *May your wisdom come*

Side 1 Thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven

Side 2 *Your circle be one,
uniting heaven and earth*

Side 1 Give us this day our daily bread

Side 2 *Give us today a nurturing spirit*

Side 1 And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us

Side 2 *Heal through us
as we ourselves are healed*

Side 1 Lead us not into temptation

Side 2 *Lead us into Fullness of life*

Side 1 But deliver us from evil

Side 2 *And liberate all that is good*

Side 1 For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory

Side 2 *For the Wisdom, Presence
and Goodness are Yours*

All ***Forever and ever. Amen.***

Side 1 – nearest the **doors**

Side 2 – nearest the **windows**

*Dominican Sisters Retreat,
Great Bend, Kansas
March 1993*

The Breaking of the Bread *Take, O take me as I am* *John Bell, Iona Community*
(please join in the fraction anthem below, singing it through twice)



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



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

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Communion is open to everyone.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are invited to receive communion here. You are welcome to come forward and take the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ.

The Invitation *(All are invited to come forward now to receive)*

Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

At Communion *Ballade and Chorale*

Bob Moore

NICHOLE DECHAINED, *flutist*, BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

The Postcommunion Prayer *(standing, as able)*

Leader Let us pray.

All ***O God, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

The Blessing

Leader Brothers and sisters, life is short and we haven't much time to encourage the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty: Creating Presence, Redeeming Christ, and Life-giving Spirit, be with us and remain with us for ever.

All ***Amen.***

Dismissal *(standing, as able)*

Leader Let us go forth in Christ.

All ***Thanks be to God.***

THE POSTCOMMUNION HYMN IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.



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Procession Out (Standing, as able, all please join in singing)

Hymn *Forward through the ages*

tune *St. Gertrude*

1 For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
2 Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;
3 Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.
in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,
Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold in ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
po - ets sung its glo - ry, mar - tyrs for it died.
move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

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Refrain

For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
Move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

Postlude

All are welcome to conversation, coffee and iced tea
in the Courtyard, in front of Stacy Hall.

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