

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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At-Home Packet



The Hand of God by Yongsung Kim

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GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

Prelude: *Three Quiet Hymn Settings*

Emily Maxson Porter

Minneapolis native Emily Maxson Porter (b. 1942) has degrees in Elementary Education, Computer Science, and Organ Performance. Over the course of a varied career she has been a school teacher, college professor, software engineer, and a church organist/choir director. She was the 2002 winner of the American Guild of Organists composition prize. In retirement, she has focused on visual art. She writes, “I create watercolor, oil and encaustic paintings, specializing in landscapes, plants, and abstractions based on natural patterns and forms... It is my hope that these works will give the viewer a fresh look at some of the commonplaces which surround us, a moment of visual delight, and an increased appreciation of the inherent structure and beauty of the natural world.” You can view some of her artworks by visiting her website: <https://www.emilymaxsonporter.com/index.php>

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Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is,

to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

*J*esus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

The Rev. Mary Keenan

Hymn of the Day: *When Peace Like a River (It Is Well)*

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well, with my soul. *Refrain: It is well with my soul.* Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain.* And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain.*

The author of these words, Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), was a lawyer from Chicago. His fortune evaporated in the wake of the Chicago Fire of 1871. Having invested heavily in real estate along Lake Michigan's shoreline, he lost everything overnight. In a saga reminiscent of Job, his son died a short time before his financial disaster. Desiring a rest for his wife and four daughters, Spafford planned a European trip in 1873. He had to remain in Chicago, but sent them on the S.S. Ville du Havre. The ship was struck by an English vessel and sank, and the four daughters did not survive. Spafford left immediately to join his wife in England. This hymn was written as he approached the area of the ocean where the ship carrying his daughters had sunk.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)

MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Offertory Solo: *When the Storms of Life Are Raging, Stand by Me* Charles A. Tindley

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; when the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; when the hosts of sin assail, and my strength begins to fail, thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; when my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou "Lily of the Valley," stand by me.

Christa Tumlinson, soloist

The Rev. Charles A. Tindley (1851-1933) was one of the eminent preachers of Methodism at the turn of the 20th century. He has been called a "pastor, orator, poet, writer, theologian, social activist, 'father of African American Hymnody,' 'progenitor of African American gospel music' and 'prince of preachers.'" Raised in difficult conditions, among those freed from slavery, Tindley moved to Philadelphia and "made a rule to learn at least one new thing—a thing I did not know the day before—each day." He was self-taught, never graduating from college, yet acquiring more than 8,000 books in his library. In 1902 he was appointed pastor of Bainbridge Street Methodist Episcopal Church, a congregation he had served as janitor just twenty years prior.

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles A. Tindley (1851-1933); arr. Daniel L. Ridout (1899-1982), alt.
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The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Robert Hobby

Organist and composer Robert Hobby (b. 1962) serves as Director of Music for Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Church Music from Wittenberg University in 1985 and a Master's Degree in Organ Performance from the University of Notre Dame in 1987.

Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship and provide thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

The theme of water, the sea, in today's service washes through the Gospel reading from Matthew, the Hymn of the Day, and the opening lyrics in the Offertory Solo: *When the Storms of Life Are Raging, Stand by Me*. We hear the metaphor of the 'storms of life,' 'the boat, battered by the waves,' 'When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; when the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.'

Yet, in spite of the images of a sea in turmoil, water is the sustenance without which we cannot live, just like God is our sustenance, the former feeds our physical self, the latter our spiritual core, and we need both to live our fullest life.

Here's a prayer you can use before dinner:

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living for ever and ever. Amen.



Sustenance, photo by Joanne Foote

PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers: Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

For those celebrating birthdays: Katie Harwood, Jackson Lofgren, Britt Sitzes, Yvonne Chavez, Mariah Farris, Scarlett Lewis, Ginny Acker, Jenny Greer, Liam Sullivan, Jeff Doidge, Julia Greer, Roger Seyler, Mark Zuniga, Nathan Kelly, Carter Van Cott, Hank Cain, Penny Considine, Delia Greer, Lucas Ruiz, Nicole Flores, Cole Francis, Bohdi Pitt.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Amy & Seth Randle, Amy & Matthew Sepos, Susan & Rick Albers, Meredith & Kevin Childs, Lisa Leach & Jeff Doidge.

For those who have died: Chuck Ragland, husband of Andrea Michael.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Join us for Coffee Hour, 9 a.m. with Mother Mary.** Access link [here](#).
- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#). All are welcome!
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study:** Mother Mary leads the group through a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. This [link](#) will be active on day of the event.
- **Upcoming Compline:** August 19, 7:00 p.m. Prayers, scripture and song, with music by members of the St. Mark's Choir. Mark your calendar for this meditative evening service - a great chance for a mid-week reset.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices is Sunday, August 23:** details coming soon!

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Nora Kelly, Christie Stockstill, Karen Milton & Michael Meigs

Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

Shelly Botkin, Pat & Joe Bullock, The Dew Family, Beth Greenlee, Daniel & Brian Hunt-Murrieta, Gail Weatherby & Andy Sieverman, Karen Dulaney Smith, Amelia & James Sondgeroth, The Stockstill family.



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