

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4th, 2020

Theme: When God decided to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, God did not do so quietly. God rained fire and death upon Egypt, passionately claiming God's people as God's own.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

When disaster comes,

We will not be destroyed.

When danger looms,

We will not be afraid.

For we belong to God

Who has called us and claimed us.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING SONG

Shout to the Lord

#821

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;

let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **God of might, you protected and guided you chosen people out of danger and into new life.**

We ask that you lead us into the places where we can live and grow as your faithful people, for the sake of Jesus. Amen

FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

TEMPLE TALK

GOSPEL:

Luke 22:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

#326

**Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.**

**The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters ,the road where faith is found.**

**Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**

**Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Almighty God, **Hear our prayer**

We belong to you, O God, and trust that you will answer our prayers in the way that fulfills your will, for the sake of your son Jesus, the Anointed One, who taught us to pray....

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

#583

**CHORUS: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. CHORUS**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. CHORUS**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. CHORUS**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. CHORUS**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE