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Sunday, September 1, 2024
10:00AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude on 'Martyrdom'

Hubert Parry

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Christ is in our midst. This morning, today, and forever more.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And blessed is His glorious Kingdom. Through His birth, death, and resurrection joy has entered all the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And blessed is this holy house and all the people in it for we have seen His salvation and truly, joy has entered all the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is in our midst. Let us prepare our hearts to meet Him.

Gospel Praise

Natural Mystic, So Much Things To Say

Robert Nesta Marley

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. One and all have sinned and stumbled in darkness. You have offered us life and we choose death. You have offered us peace and we choose chaos. Lord, have mercy on us. In forgiving us, heal us. In healing us, teach us. Guide our feet this day into the way of your peace and strengthen our hearts to follow your commandments. From this moment; from this hour; from this day help us to love you and those around us. For you alone are merciful and good and you love all humankind. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Mark 7: 1-8,14-23

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 1: 17-27

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (August, 325 A.D.)**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.**

Through whom all things were made.

**Who for us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.**

His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.**

**He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and for life in the world to come. Amen.**

***Hymn GTG #754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the
Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come, Risen Lord
Chancel Choir

Gerald Near

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #554**

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Deborah Fair, Liturgist

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Today's Anthem

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own board make manifest in this our sacrament of bread and wine. One body we, one body who partake, one Church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest. One with each other Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living Head; then open thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



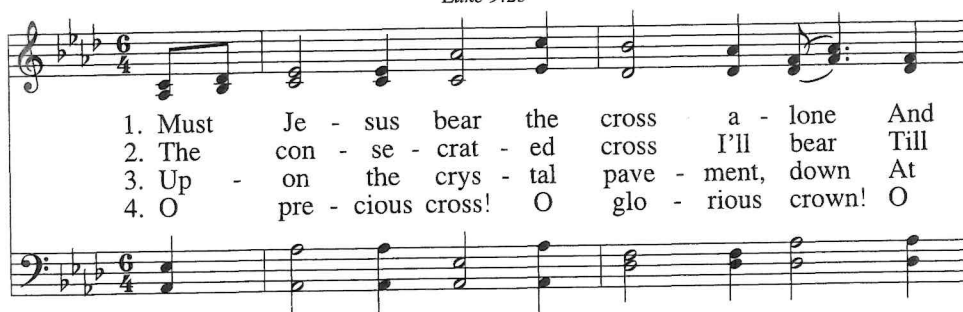
Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE 554

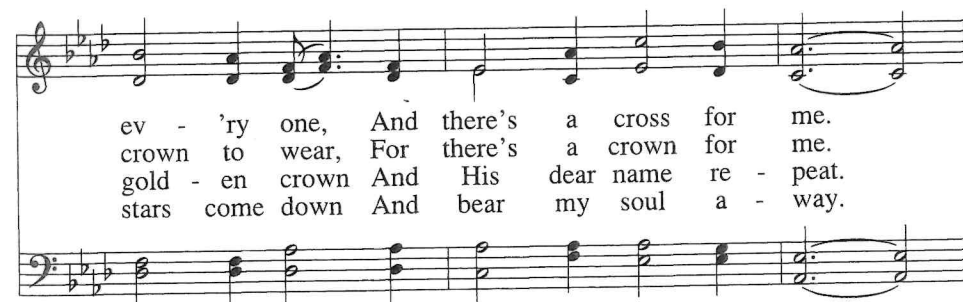
If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.
Luke 9:23



1. Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone And
 2. The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear Till
 3. Up - on the crys - tal pave - ment, down At
 4. O pre - cious cross! O glo - rious crown! O



all the world go free? No, there's a cross for
 death shall set me free, And then go home my
 Je - sus' pierc - ed feet, Joy - ful, I'll cast my
 res - ur - rec - tion day! Ye an - gels, from the



ev - 'ry one, And there's a cross for me.
 crown to wear, For there's a crown for me.
 gold - en crown And His dear name re - peat.
 stars come down And bear my soul a - way.

Text: Thomas Shepherd, 1665-1739
 Tune: MAITLAND, CM, George N. Allen, 1812-1877