



*10:30 A.M. Worship
October 24, 2021*

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness

Leader: Searching God,
To you no one is lost,
No one is left behind,
No one is the price to be paid for the greater good.
Give us the same restless desire,
the same fierce joy which finds grace in every
child of earth and makes a community open to all.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who loved the
world and did not count the cost.
Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Together, let us confess our sin to the One who walks with us in our
brokenness.

Leader: You are tireless in seeking out the lost;
We write them off.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: You do not give up on a single one;
We give up even on ourselves.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: You have a joy that is without measure.
We accept limits to our compassion.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: God, who is merciful and loving, offers us forgiveness and grace beyond
measure! Go and share God's mercy!

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

"Many and Great, O God"



1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

GREETING

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

Community: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray. Eternal light,
Community: **shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

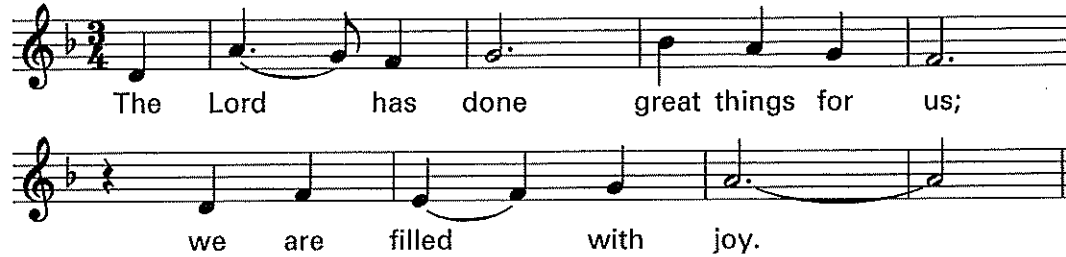
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.



Psalm 126

"The Lord Has Done Great Things"



1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like people dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.
2. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.
3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.
4. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL VERSE (Please stand)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Community: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Shera Nesheim

HYMN

"Give Me Ears to Listen"

Verses



1, 4. 7 Let me be your ser-vant; let me walk your way.
 2. In si-lence, when you call me, let me hear your voice.
 3. Last night, when I a-woke I heard you call my name.



1, 4. Guide me on your path; give night the light of day. 7
 2. Je-sus, walk be-side me; let my soul re-joice. When
 3. You re-freshed my soul; I felt your burn-ing flame. Oh,



1, 4. Let me be a sure foun-da-tion, pure and strong.
 2. winds and cur-rents bat-ter me, help me be sure.
 3. strength-en me to bear my cross and walk your way.

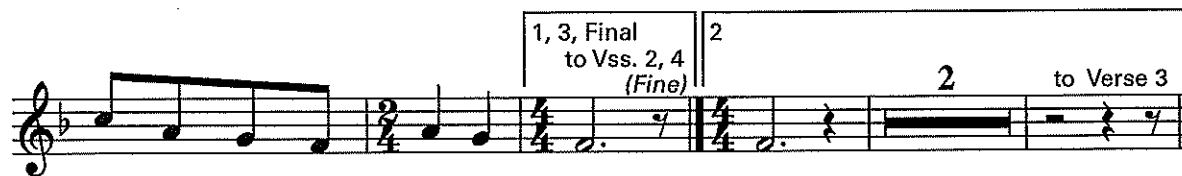


1, 4. Let me tell of your sal-va-tion all life long.
 2. Give me cour-age from the storms when they oc-cur.
 3. Give me grace to com-fort those with all I say.

Refrain



Give me ears to lis-ten. Give me eyes to see. Give me words to



1, 3, Final to Vss. 2, 4 (Fine) 2 to Verse 3
 speak and show your face to me. me.

DEACON INSTALLATION: Jennifer Bradford and Isaac Bargamian

PRAYERS . . . (Please stand)

After each petition of the prayers:

Community: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Community: **And also with you.**

(While remaining in your seat, please greet those around you)



OFFERING

At this time we will now receive our offering and share with joy, as God abundantly shares with us. Your offering can be placed in the basket as they are passed around or you can now easily text your gift. The gifts of the assembly are gathered for the sake of all in need that we might be light for the world.

You are now able to text your gift to Christus Rex! Text the amount you would like to give to (701) 599-4443, then press send. Follow the directions on your phone to complete your donation. This amount will be sent directly to our Christus Rex account.

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray. Merciful God,
Community: **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.**
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Community: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Community: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

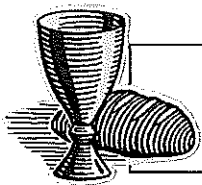
Community: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION



All are welcome at communion.
Non-alcoholic wine is available on the trays in filled chalices.
Distribution will be done in a continuous fashion around the table.
Gluten-free bread is available from the server.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Thanks be to You"



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

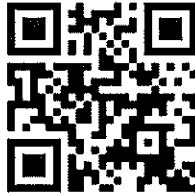
Presider: Let us pray... Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Community: **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a newsletter/calendar for the month and plan to participate in the events!

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BENEDICTION

Presider: People of God,
You are Christ's body,
Bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, one God,
Bless you now and forever.

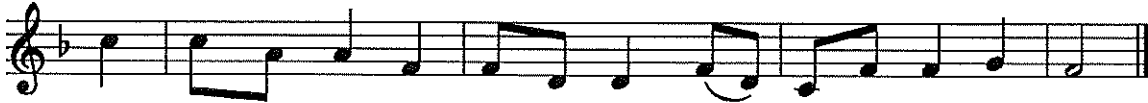
All: **Amen.**

HYMN

"The Spirit Sends us Forth To Serve"



1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim.



1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro-claim.
2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.
4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace. Remember the poor. Serve the Lord.
Community: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

<i>Campus Pastor:</i>	<i>Chad Brucklacher</i>
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