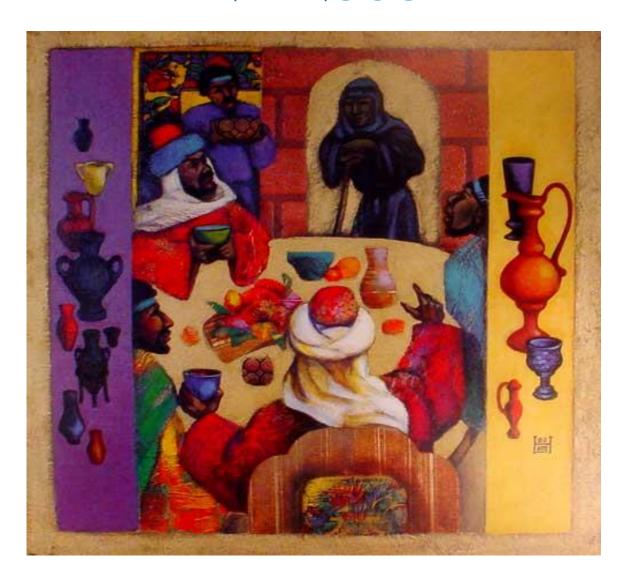
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AT-HOME GUIDE FOR FAMILIES
October 11, 2020

A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Before the service, decorate the home with greenery and flowers. Set up a small table with a piece of green fabric on it. If you have candles and a Bible, place these on the table.

OPENING ANTHEM

Begin with an opening hymn. We recommend "Praise the Savior."

Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies; self denying, suffering, dying, on the cross a sacrifice.
Victory gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise!

Our work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness. He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress. Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered; Christ has crushed the serpent's head. Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led. Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

4 For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing.
Praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Officiant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PREPARATION

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People pray together

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your spiritual presence and communion. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Officiant says the following

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

The Officiant and People pray together

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Officiant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

- O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
- Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm.
- the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- 8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Say Psalm 23 together as a family.

- The LORD is my shepherd; therefore I can lack nothing.
- He shall feed me in green pastures and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.
- You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Matthew 22:1—14

THE GOSPEL

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

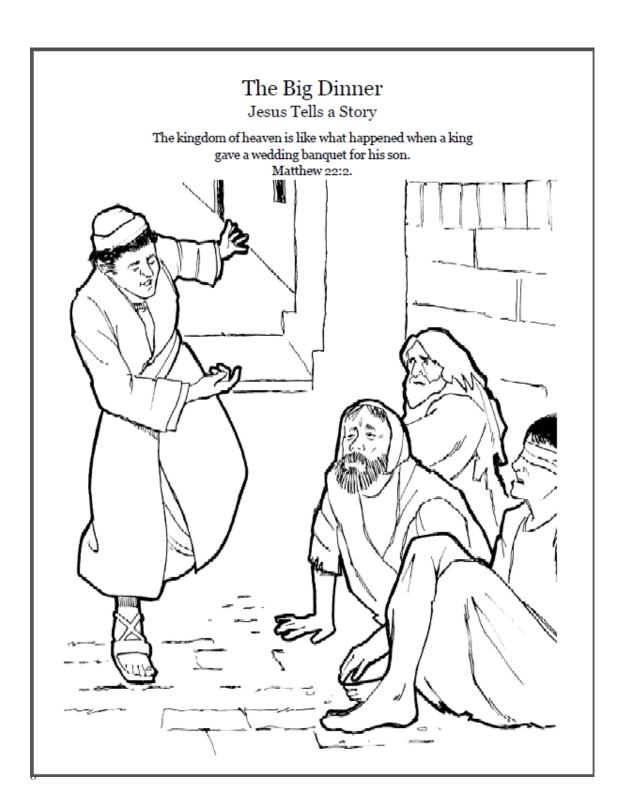
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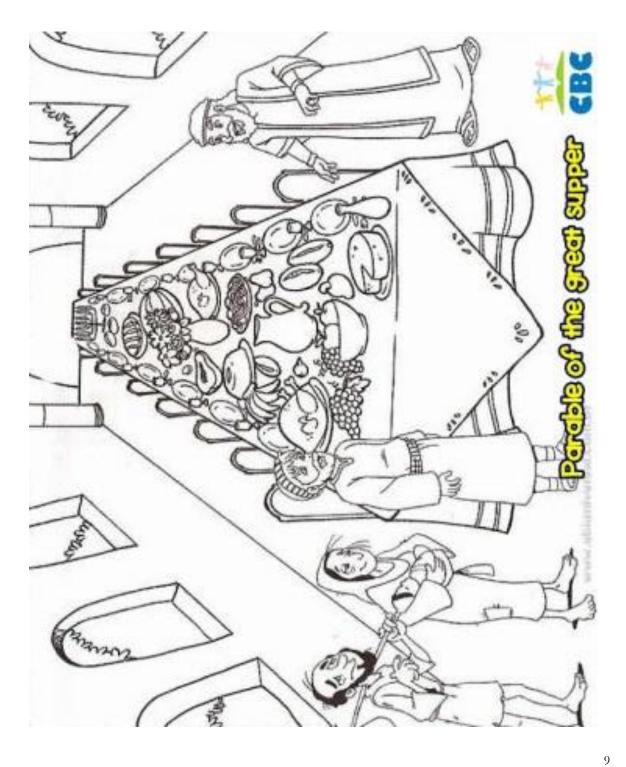
People Thanks be to God.

The People sit.

THE HOMILY

Take a moment to talk with your family about the Gospel Lesson. You may also access Fr. Wes' sermon online.





JOURNAL SPACE FOR OLDER CHILDREN

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and laments.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Clergy Foley, our Archbishop; Bill, our Bishop; Fr. Wes, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Chuck, our Priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Faith Anglican Church in Fairview, TX and the Rev. Justin Lokey
- Missionaries Lauren Butler in Albania; Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq, Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras, Craig Stewart in South Africa, and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- Immigration Services Stacy Preston and Lynn Binkley
- **Public Servants** our president, Donald Trump; our governor, Bill Lee; our county mayor, Jimmy Harris; and our city mayor, Scott Conger

- Parishioners Aaron Beasley, Rich and Carole Beitz, Debbie Colgrove, Carlin Diffee, Mary Louise Flanagan, Gail Hedgepeth, Charles Richards, Bill and Anne Ross, Walter Townsend, and Liam Williams
- Birthdays this week Lynn Binkley, Kay Shearin, and Fr. Brian Larsen Wells
- Anniversaries this week Jason and Chelsy Crawford, George and Becky Googe
- **Vestry member of the week** Taylor Laird, Vistor Connections
- Family of Parishioners Diane Camper, Chuck and Kristin Davis, Bill Gay, Eddie Jordan, Tom Mullady, Bob Nailling, Scott Pipkin, Armando Psungo, and Gary Vailes
- Friends of Parishioners Baby Cayden, Cindy Denker, Stan Langley, Rebecca Muncie, Danny Nowell, Patti Overton, Ramona Sparks, the Taylor family
- Military Taylor Bartos, Bryan Laird, and Dalton Young

A COLLECT FOR COVID-19

Almighty God, our strong tower and defense in time of trouble: We ask for your continued deliverance from the dangers associated with COVID-19, which lately have surrounded us and taken the lives of so many. In this time of fear and anxiety, we beseech you to send us your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE COLLECT FOR RACIAL HEALING

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Dear God, we are sorry for the things we have done wrong. We are sorry, too, for the good things that we should have done but did not do or say. Please help us to love you better. Help us also to love other people as we love ourselves. Please forgive us when we are not loving and when we do not obey you. This we ask in the name of Jesus. *Amen*.

The Officiant says

May God love, forgive, and strengthen us through our Lord Jesus Christ, and may He protect and keep us by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

PREPARATION FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant continues

Hear what St. Paul says: "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you may have strength...and know the love of Christ."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Officiant then says

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

Officiant and People together pray

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

Officiant and People together pray

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Grant us your peace.**

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant says the following invitation

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Officiant and People together pray

Dear Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Silence.

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together sing the "Anima Christ" of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, using the musical version composed by Alicia L. Greey (online).

Soul of Jesus, sanctify me Blood of Jesus, wash me Passion of Jesus, comfort me Wounds of Jesus, hide me Heart of Jesus, receive me Spirit of Jesus, enliven me Goodness of Jesus, pardon me Beauty of Jesus, draw me Humility of Jesus, humble me Peace of Jesus, pacify me Love of Jesus, inflame me Kingdom of Jesus, come to me Grace of Jesus, replenish me Mercy of Jesus, pity me Sanctity of Jesus, sanctify me Purity of Jesus, purify me

Chorus

Till I behold thee, unveiled Till I behold thee, unveiled Till I behold thee, unveiled In thy glory

Chorus

Cross of Jesus, bind me Nails of Jesus, hold me Cross of Jesus, bind me Nails of Jesus, hold me Cross of Jesus, bind me Nails of Jesus, hold me

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

G. Kitchin; M. Newbolt

Chorus

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Chorus

Led on their way
By this triumphant sign
The hosts of God
In conquering ranks combine

Chorus

Set up thy throne That earth's despair may cease Beneath the shadow Of its healing peace.

Chorus

For thy blest Cross, Which doth for all atone Creation's praises Rise before thy throne

Chorus

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Chorus

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Cruci--fied for victory.

Chorus

THE BLESSING

All stand. The children are invited forward to help lead in the blessing.

Officiant All our problems

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant All our difficulties

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant All the devil's works

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Officiant All our hopes

People We set on the risen Christ.

Officiant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.