

*September 22, 2024 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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Prelude: We're Marching to Zion - arr. Mark Hayes
Greetings & Announcements

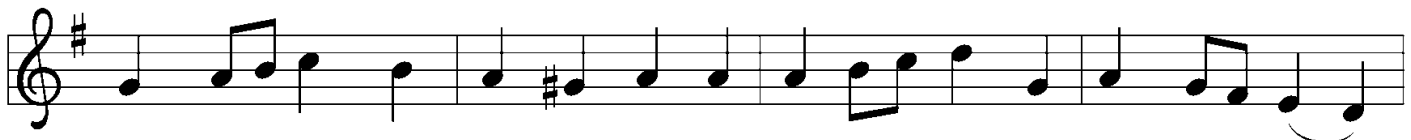
Opening Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table"



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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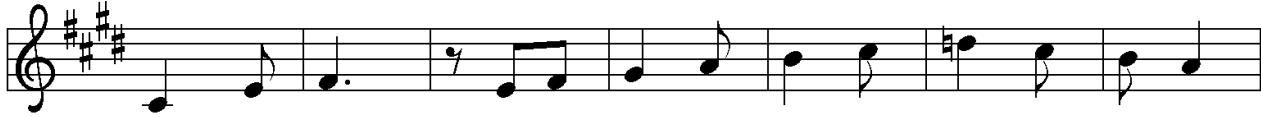
- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

P) Let us pray ... O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) **Amen.**

+ + + **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** + + +

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 54 (Read responsively by whole verse)

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R) *The Word of the Lord.*

C) **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

P) *The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.*

C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

P) *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon
Sermon**

Hymn: "*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*"



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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Apostles' Creed

**C) 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 power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
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

P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) Hear our prayer.

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) Amen.

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence

- P) Gracious God,
C) **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C) **And also with you.**

The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



The Offertory

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God - arr. James Koerts

Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
C) **And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts.
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
in the beginning you created heaven and earth.
You gave us the gift of life, and you blessed us with your Spirit,
so that we might have life abundantly.

You loved us throughout the ages,
for even when our sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills, to take our sins upon himself,
and to form us again into your people.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing, his self-offering on the Cross,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when Christ will come again
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with your Son, the Bread of life.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

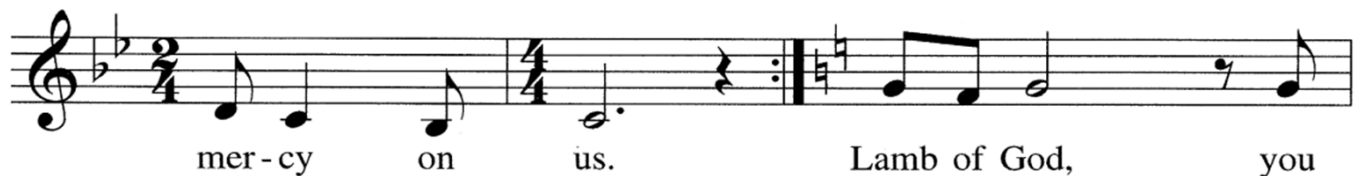


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us. mer - cy on us.

Final Stanza



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

Touch the Sky - arr. John Cumberland

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

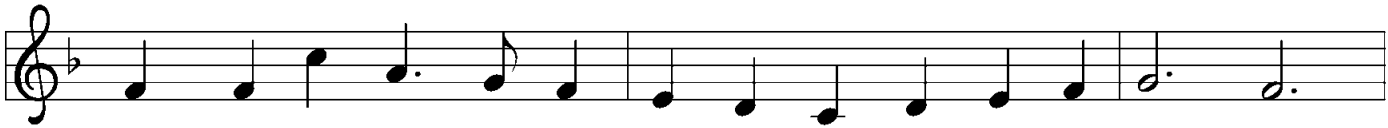
Post-Communion Prayer

- P) Let us pray... O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Altar flowers are given by Dave Molchany in memory of his parents, John S. & Gloria Molchany.

Please also join us on:
Sunday, September 29
Worship @ 10:00 am
(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service **today** to approve funds to address our HVAC issues! Please plan to attend!

We're just getting started! Join us today for the PreK-K through 12th-grade Sunday School classes at 11 am! PreK-K and Elementary classes meet in the Fellowship Hall for Opening this year, where learners can finish their after-church snack during an introduction to the day's lesson. Then, we break out into our classes. Middle and High School classes meet in BYC. See Sept. Glad Tidings for more info. All are welcome any week they can attend! Contact [Janet Levine](#) with any questions or concerns.

Adult Coffee & Conversation - Sundays at 11:00am

9/22 Honduras Mission Presentation (after short Congregational meeting)

9/29 Sacred Grounds Focus Groups

10/6 Groundswell/ Community Solar

Posaunenchor, our German Band friends, will be visiting us again on the weekend of October 11-13. Among other events, they will play at our service on October 13. Mark your calendars and be sure to be here! **Right now, we are looking for hosts to house 2-4 band members on those days.** If you can be a host, [sign up using this link](#), or on the list in the narthex!

Honduras Mission 2024 Presentation! Come enjoy a presentation of the 2024 Honduras mission trip after service on **Sunday, September 22nd during the Sunday School hour.** The congregation's donations and prayers went a *long* way! A summary and photos of the trip will be shared, followed by a Q&A session. Additional information about the 2025 trip will also be introduced for those thinking about joining us next year. We look forward to continuing to serve these communities in need and bonding with our international mission team!

PB & J Collection Please join the Sunday School for the annual collection of PB & J! We'll collect those back-to-school staples in September and October for the clients of Gaithersburg Help. Look for the collection bin in the narthex. Thank you!

National Wildlife Federation Focus Groups for Sacred Grounds - Share your views about next steps! Join us in-person in the PoP Sanctuary during the Adult Coffee and Conversation hour on **Sunday, 9/29 at 11am** or online on this zoom [link](#) on **Tuesday, 10/1 at 7:30pm**.

Sign up to be a Weedbuster in September and October! Weedbusters are needed to keep all the garden beds around PoP looking neat and clean! Sign up at [here](#).

Sacred Grounds Planting is happening on Sunday, October 20 at 11am after the service - The [National Wildlife Federation](#) (NWF) will be here with "plug-sized" native plants that support pollinators for our garden! We hope you can join us to help beautify our grounds and support native wildlife - please bring gardening gloves or trowels if you have them.

Quilters meet Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 10 am to noon. We welcome anyone to join us to see if quilting is for you! Almost everything we need is donated. We want to thank all the people who remember us when they are doing a clear out of their sewing stash. We also really appreciate sheets which we use for backing the quilts. All your donations are always welcome! Thank you!

Food for Thought: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. (*Matthew 9:37-38*)

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

[Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29](#); [Psalm 19:7-14](#); [James 5:13-20](#); [Mark 9:38-50](#)

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