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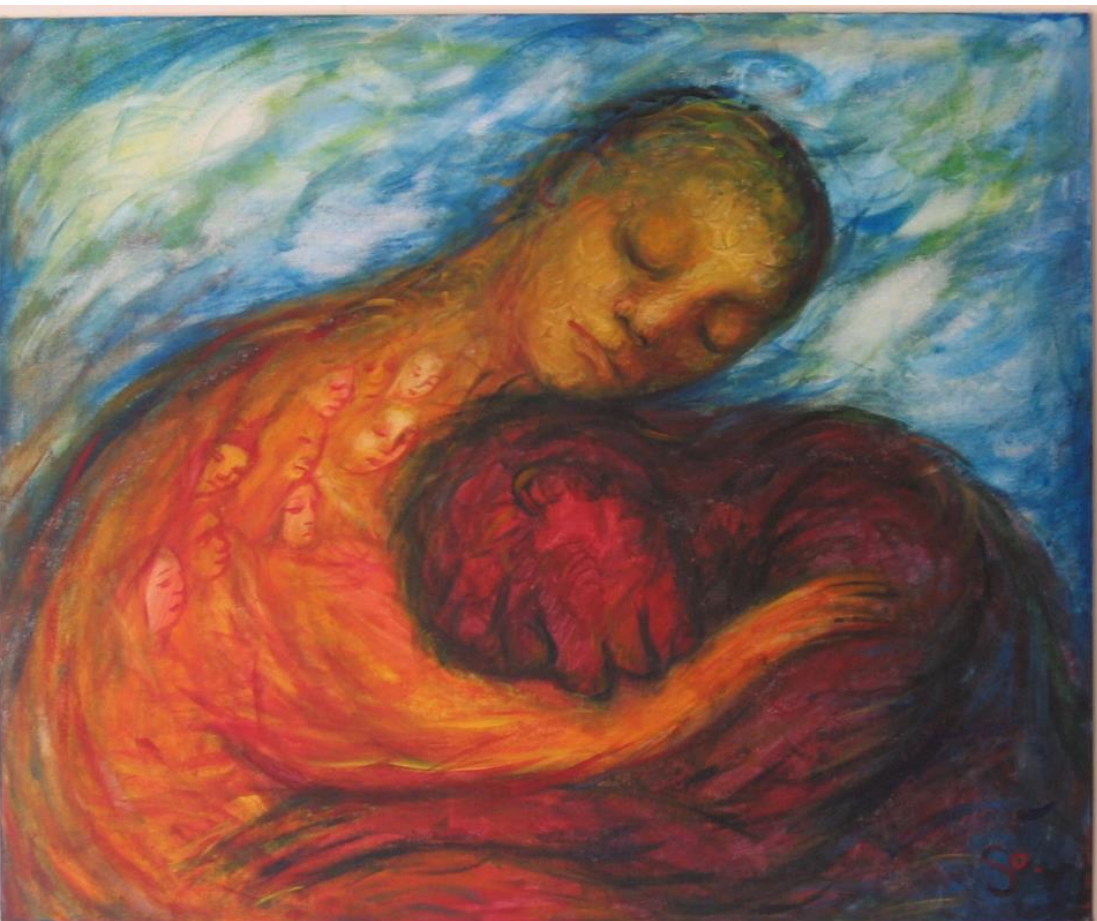
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Newton & Excell/arr. Asberry

Pam Asberry, pianist



***Please prepare for
worship by
opening your
heart,
lowering your
voice
and silencing
your cell phone.***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: What if God paid us back in full for all the wrong we have done? Let us hurry and confess our sins before Almighty God, asking God to do as God has always done: forgive our sins through God's limitless grace and mercy.

—*Silence for Reflection*—

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: O God we seek your mercy...

C: yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it “only fair” when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationships. The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend, still we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty injuries.

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

C: We are eager to do your judging for you. And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lived, died and rose again, for the forgiveness of a world of sin. Amen.

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Instead, God has chosen the sacrifice of God's own son on our account. It is because Jesus Christ pays the last full measure that our sins are forgiven.

P: This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive,

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



GATHERING SONG Red Hymnal Book # 606

Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

GATHERING SONG Red Hymnal Book # 606

Our Father, We Have Wandered

2 **And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

GATHERING SONG Red Hymnal Book # 606

Our Father, We Have Wandered

**3 O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

GREETING

A: Sing songs of hope and peace.

C: God's love and power have lifted us.

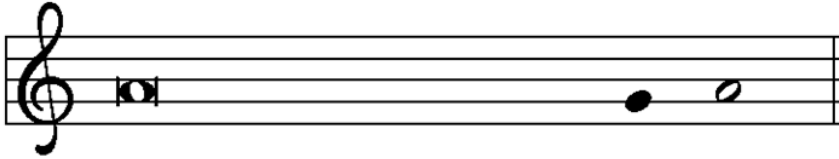
A: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

C: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.

A: Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

C: Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us. AMEN.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

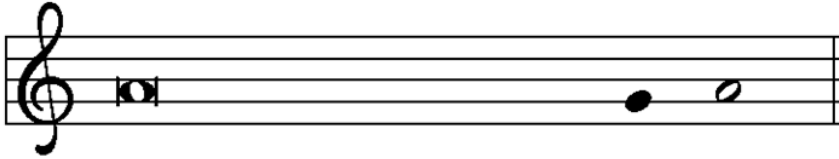


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

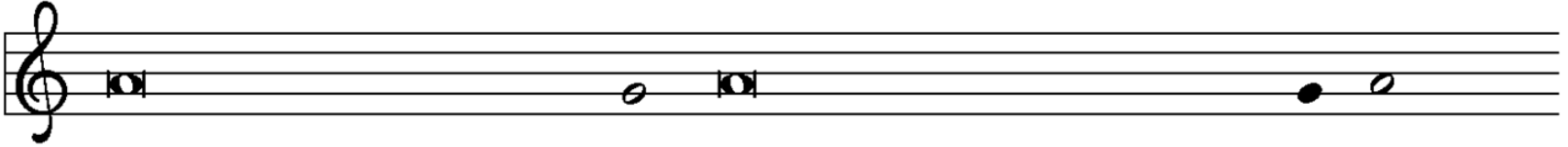


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

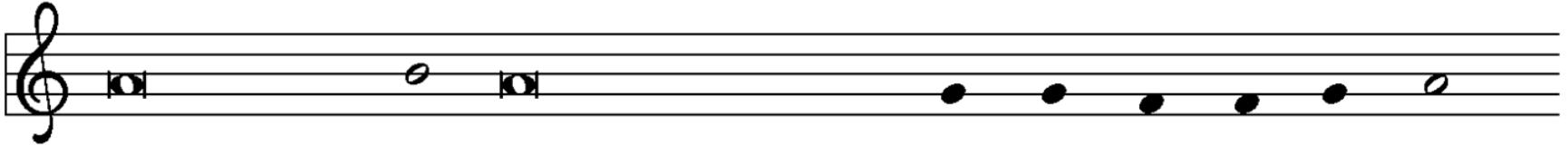


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Thank you, God, and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: that you have had mercy on us and
have forgiven us through your Son.
Make us more like him, so that we
too forgive one another from the
heart. We ask this through Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

PRIMERA LECTURA:

Génesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Como Jacob había muerto, los hermanos de José pensaron: «Tal vez José nos odia, y se va a vengar de todo el mal que le hicimos.»

**FIRST READING:
Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’

**PRIMERA LECTURA:
Génesis 50:15-21**

¹⁶ Entonces le mandaron a decir: «Antes de que tu padre muriera, nos ordenó ¹⁷ que te dijéramos: “Por favor, te pido que perdones la maldad y pecado de tus hermanos, que tan mal te trataron.”

**FIRST READING:
Genesis 50:15-21**

Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.”

**PRIMERA LECTURA:
Génesis 50:15-21**

Por eso te rogamos que perdones nuestra maldad, pues somos siervos del Dios de tu padre.» Mientras los mensajeros le daban este mensaje, José lloraba. ¹⁸ Entonces llegaron sus propios hermanos, se inclinaron delante de él hasta tocar el suelo con la frente, y le dijeron: —Aquí nos tienes. Somos tus esclavos.

**FIRST READING:
Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

**PRIMERA LECTURA:
Génesis 50:15-21**

¹⁹ Pero José les contestó: —No tengan miedo. Yo no puedo ponerme en lugar de Dios. ²⁰ Ustedes pensaron hacerme mal, pero Dios cambió ese mal en bien para hacer lo que hoy vemos: para salvar la vida de mucha gente.

**FIRST READING:
Genesis 50:15-21**

²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**PRIMERA LECTURA:
Génesis 50:15-21**

²¹ Así que no tengan miedo. Yo les daré de comer a ustedes y a sus hijos. Así José los tranquilizó, pues les habló con mucho cariño.

A: Word of God, Word of Life,

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-13

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

8 LORD, you are full of compassion
and mercy, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love;

9 **you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger
forever.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-13

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

10 You have not dealt with us
according to our sins, nor repaid us
according to our iniquities.

**11 For as the heavens are high above
the earth, so great is your steadfast
love for those who fear you.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-13

**We will speak the Psalm responsively.
Please speak the verses in bold print.**

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our
transgressions from us.

**13 As a father has compassion for his
children, so you have compassion
for those who fear you, O LORD.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

¹ Reciban bien al que es débil en la fe, y no entren en discusiones con él. ² Por ejemplo, hay quienes piensan que pueden comer de todo, mientras otros, que son débiles en la fe, comen solamente verduras.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

³ Pues bien, el que come de todo no debe menospreciar al que no come ciertas cosas; y el que no come ciertas cosas no debe criticar al que come de todo, pues Dios lo ha aceptado.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

⁴ ¿Quién eres tú para criticar al servidor de otro? Si queda bien o queda mal, es asunto de su propio amo. Pero quedará bien, porque el Señor tiene poder para hacerlo quedar bien.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

⁵ Otro caso: Hay quienes dan más importancia a un día que a otro, y hay quienes creen que todos los días son iguales. Cada uno debe estar convencido de lo que cree.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord.

Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

⁶ El que guarda cierto día, para honrar al Señor lo guarda. Y el que come de todo, para honrar al Señor lo come, y da gracias a Dios; y el que no come ciertas cosas, para honrar al Señor deja de comerlas, y también da gracias a Dios.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

⁷ Ninguno de nosotros vive para sí mismo ni muere para sí mismo. ⁸ Si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. De manera que, tanto en la vida como en la muerte, del Señor somos.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

⁹ For to this end
Christ died and
lived again, so that
he might be Lord of
both the dead and
the living.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

⁹ Para eso murió
Cristo y volvió a la
vida: para ser Señor
tanto de los
muertos como de
los vivos.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

10 ¿Por qué, entonces, criticas a tu hermano? ¿O tú, por qué lo desprecias? Todos tendremos que presentarnos delante de Dios, para que él nos juzgue.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹¹ For it is written,
“As I live, says the
Lord, every knee
shall bow to me,
and every tongue
shall give praise to
God.” ¹² So then,
each of us will be
accountable to God.

A: Word of God,
Word of Life,

C: Thanks be to God!

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Romanas 14:1-12

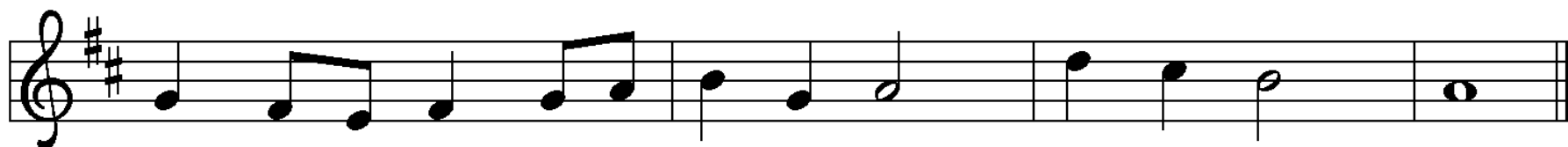
¹¹ Porque la
Escritura dice: «Juro
por mi vida, dice el
Señor, que ante mí
todos doblarán la
rodilla y todos
alabarán a Dios.»

¹² Así pues, cada
uno de nosotros
tendrá que dar
cuenta de sí mismo
a Dios.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew in the 18th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

²¹ Entonces Pedro fue y preguntó a Jesús: —Señor, ¿cuántas veces deberé perdonar a mi hermano, si me hace algo malo? ¿Hasta siete?

GOSPEL READING:

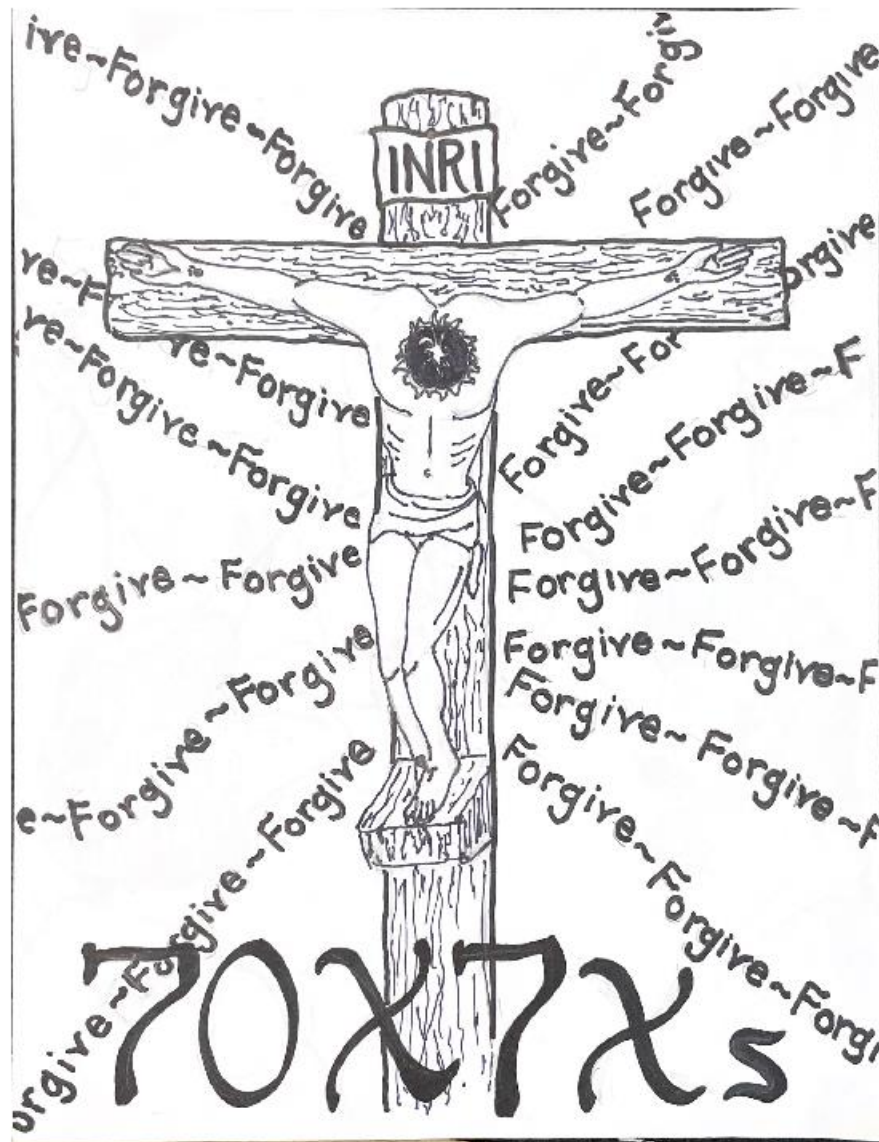
Matthew 18:21-35

22 Jesus said to him,
“Not seven times,
but, I tell you,
seventy-seven times.

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

22 Jesús le contestó:
—No te digo hasta
siete veces, sino
hasta setenta veces
siete.



GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 18:21-35

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

EL EVANGELIO
Mateo 18:21-35

²³ »Por esto, sucede con el reino de los cielos como con un rey que quiso hacer cuentas con sus funcionarios. ²⁴ Estaba comenzando a hacerlas cuando le presentaron a uno que le debía muchos millones.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

²⁵ Como aquel funcionario no tenía con qué pagar, el rey ordenó que lo vendieran como esclavo, junto con su esposa, sus hijos y todo lo que tenía, para que quedara pagada la deuda.

GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 18:21-35

²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

EL EVANGELIO
Mateo 18:21-35

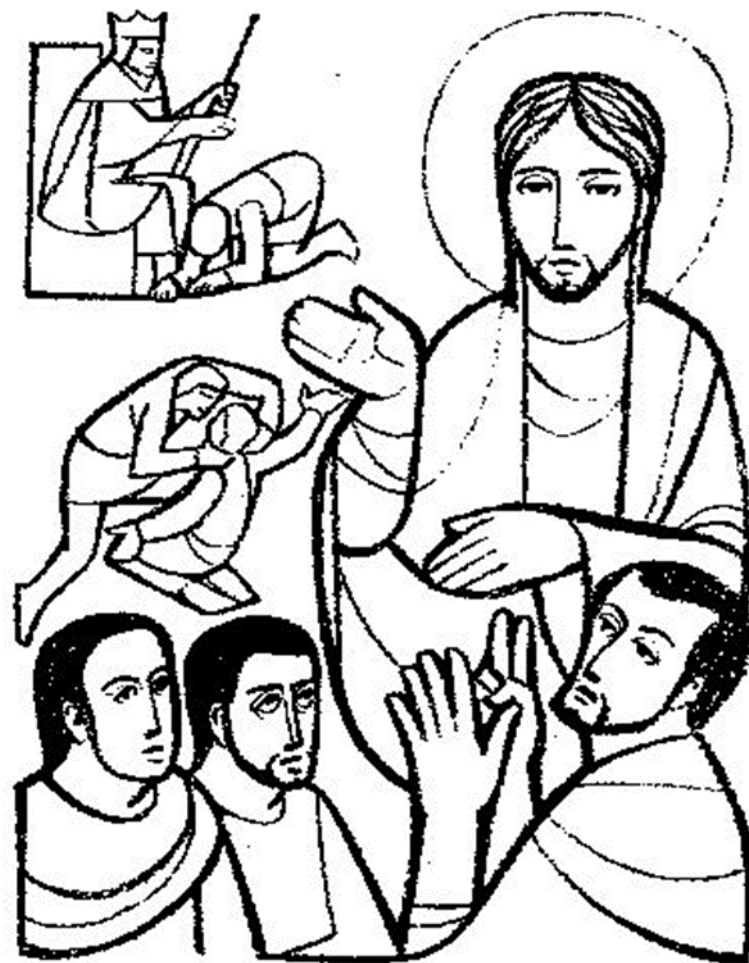
²⁶ El funcionario se arrodilló delante del rey, y le rogó: “Tenga usted paciencia conmigo y se lo pagaré todo.” ²⁷ Y el rey tuvo compasión de él; así que le perdonó la deuda y lo puso en libertad.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

EL EVANGELIO Mateo 18:21-35

²⁸ »Pero al salir, aquel funcionario se encontró con un compañero suyo que le debía una pequeña cantidad. Lo agarró del cuello y comenzó a estrangularlo, diciéndole: "¡Págame lo que me debes!"



GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

²⁹ El compañero, arrodillándose delante de él, le rogó: "Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo." ³⁰ Pero el otro no quiso, sino que lo hizo meter en la cárcel hasta que le pagara la deuda.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

³¹ Esto dolió mucho a los otros funcionarios, que fueron a contarle al rey todo lo sucedido.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

³² Entonces el rey lo mandó llamar, y le dijo: "¡Malvado! Yo te perdoné toda aquella deuda porque me lo rogaste. ³³ Pues tú también debiste tener compasión de tu compañero, del mismo modo que yo tuve compasión de ti."

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

³⁴ Y tanto se enojó el rey, que ordenó castigarlo hasta que pagara todo lo que debía.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

EL EVANGELIO

Mateo 18:21-35

³⁵ Jesús añadió:
—Así hará también con ustedes mi Padre celestial, si cada uno de ustedes no perdona de corazón a su hermano.

The Sermon

“Impossible!”

Pastor Mike Millum



SPECIAL MUSIC



ONE THING REMAINS

BRIAN JOHNSON/BETHEL

**DUET BY WENDY MACKINNON
AND ROBIN CLAVIJO**

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

EL Credo de los Apóstoles

Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del Cielo y de la Tierra.

Creo en Jesucristo su único Hijo, Nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo; nació de Santa María Virgen;

APOSTLES' CREED

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,

EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES

padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos;

al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió a los cielos

APOSTLES' CREED

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,

EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES

y está a la diestra de Dios Padre; desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, en la Santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los Santos

APOSTLES' CREED

**the forgiveness
of sins,
the resurrection
of the body,
and the life
everlasting.
Amen.**

EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES

**en el perdón de los
pecados
la resurrección de
los muertos
y la vida eterna.
Amén.**



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

***After each petition
of the prayer:***

**A: God of
limitless grace,
C: Hear us and
heal us.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

A time to greet each other with God's peace.



P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WE GATHER THE OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Thank you, Lord, for your great mercy

**C: in continuing to forgive us.
Help us likewise to show mercy to our brothers and sisters and forgive them when they wrong us. Strengthen our faith and our love, and lead us to live in gratitude for all you have done for us, serving you and other people. 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 our thanks and praise.

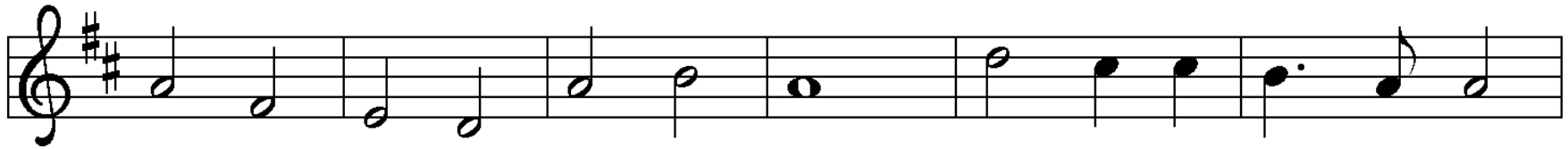
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: It is our duty and our joy, always to give you thanks and praise, O Lord God, for you are the creator of heaven and earth. You are the lawgiver and judge, holding your people accountable for their sins. Yet your most essential nature is love, mercy and forgiveness for all (Genesis 50:15-17).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, and apostles, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



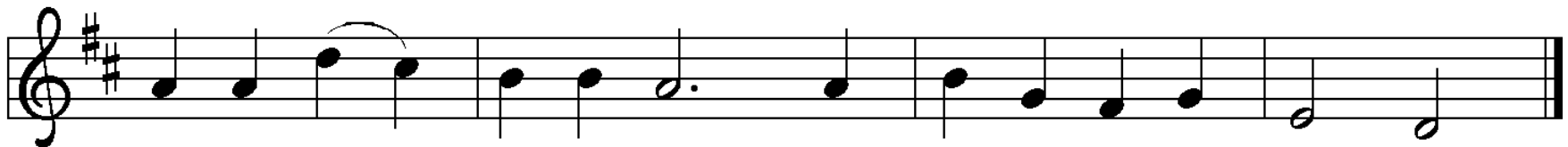
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He gave his followers a commandment that we must forgive all who wrong us without exception, and be willing to forgive over and over again; then he went out and lived and died for that principle, proving that there truly is no limit to God's capacity to forgive our transgressions and evils (Matthew 18:21-35).

EUCCHARIST

P: 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.”

P: 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.”

EUCHARIST PRAYER

P: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

P: The Psalmist proclaims that “as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you. As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:11-12).

P: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: In the language of your heart, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

C: Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

PADRE NUESTRO

A: En el idioma de tu corazón, rezamos la oración que Jesús nos enseñó:

C: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

PADRE NUESTRO

**C: El pan nuestro de
cada día, dánoslo
hoy; y perdónanos
nuestras deudas
así como nosotros
perdonamos a
nuestros
deudores; y no
nos dejes caer en
la tentación; mas
líbranos del mal.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PADRE NUESTRO

C: Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



P: Through Jesus, God shows Godself to be forgiving, reconciling and welcoming. Therefore, we extend God's hospitality to all! Come and be fed at the Lord's table. Without exception we are all in need of God's forgiveness and grace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



P: So come without hesitation to receive our Lord's body and blood, and the forgiveness made available in this holy supper.

THE MEAL



P: For those tuning in online to the service this morning, take your Bread or Wafer: “This is the Body of Christ Given For You. Take and Eat.” Now take your juice or wine: “This is the Blood of Christ Shed for You. Take and Drink”.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

C: **Amen.**



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Loving God,

C: it is by your mercy that we are redeemed. Through the gift of the body and blood of your Son in this sacrament, help us always to remember that you have forgiven and accepted us only because of Christ, and not because of ourselves or anything that we have done.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**C: We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns,
with you, and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

P: Go now into the world and live for Christ. Whatever you do, do it in honor of the Lord, giving thanks to God. Show forgiveness to one another as in Christ you have received forgiveness.

P: And may God provide an escape from all that threatens you; May Christ Jesus shower mercy on you and through you; And may the Holy Spirit uphold you as you stand in Christ. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Red Book # 596

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

**1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

SENDING SONG

Red Book # 596

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

**2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

SENDING SONG

Red Book # 596

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

SENDING SONG

Red Book # 596

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

4 **When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace.
Serve the Lord.
Forgive and be
forgiven!

C: Thanks be
to God!

