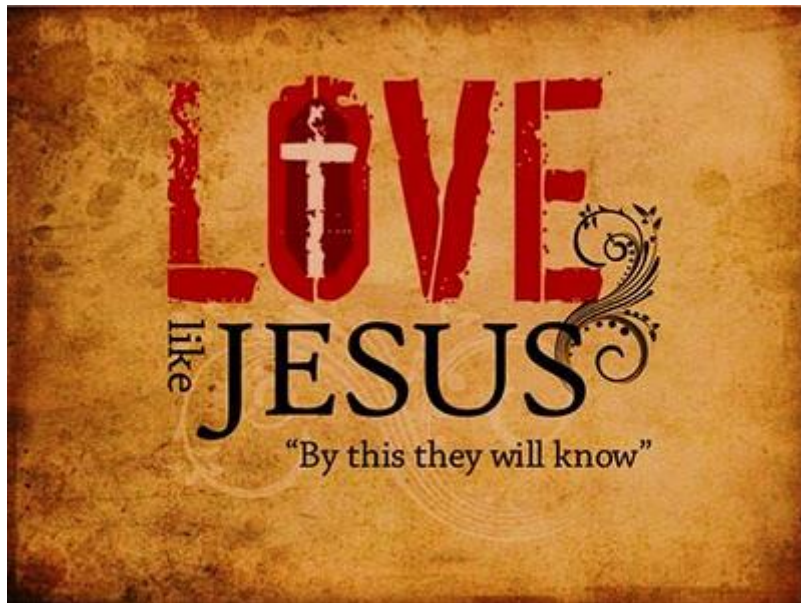


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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



***We are an emergent church practicing
an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where
ALL ARE WELCOME!"***

- Bishop Peter Hickman

Gathering Song **WE HAVE BEEN TOLD**

Refrain

**We have been told.
We've seen his face
and heard his voice alive in our hearts.
"Live in my love with all your heart.
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.**

**1. I am the vine; you are the branches,
and all who live in me will bear great fruit.**

Refrain

**2. You are my friends, if you keep my commands,
no longer slaves; I call you friends.**

Refrain

**3. No greater love is there than this: to lay down
one's life for a friend.**

Refrain

Greeting Penitential Rite Opening Prayer

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

ALL: AMEN.

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

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

The Penitential Rite (Confitor)

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
And I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: Christ, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us.....
and lead us to everlasting life **ALL: Amen.**

Glory to God

**Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to all people on earth.***

**1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (*Refrain*)**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer. (*Refrain*)**

**3. For You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory
of God the Father. (*Refrain*)**

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9)

Psalm Response:

***"IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.
IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS."***

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-10)

Gospel Acclamation *please stand*

Alleluia, The Gospel

**In the beginning was the Word of God
and the Word was with God and was God..**

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld
His Glory.**

Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.

Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.

The Gospel Reading

**Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
(18: 15-20)**

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(REPEAT ABOVE)

Homily

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God, begotten, not made
one in Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Prayers of the Faithful

Sign of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory: : IN THIS RECONCILIATION

**1. By the grace of forgiveness,
by the wisdom of your truth,
by the comfort of your presence,
we shall learn to follow you.**

**In this reconciliation,
may our lives be made anew.
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

**2. Though not worthy to receive you,
you receive us as your own.
Though we wander far away from you,
you always call us home.
In this moment of forgiveness,
you have made your love be known.
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

Refrain

**Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive our sins, forgive our deeds.
Forgive our words, forgive our hearts.
With love outpoured, forgive us, Lord.**

**3. By the grace of forgiveness,
by the wisdom of your truth,
by the comfort of your presence,
we shall learn to follow you.
In this reconciliation,
may our lives be made anew.
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT
YOUR HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY
OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF
ALL HIS CHURCH.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

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

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Consecration:

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY
BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE
NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE
FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

The Memorial Acclamation

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again,
until you come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology & Great Amen

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, forever and ever.
Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy
are they to be called to this supper.*

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY
SAY THE THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED**

***Communion Song* ONE BREAD, ONE CUP**

**1. We all come before you now,
hungry for your healing touch.
Here we stand with open hearts,
thirsting for your love.
You are the one who fills our ev'ry need.
So with one voice we lift our hearts in unity.**

Refrain

**One bread, one cup,
one body of Christ, united in love.
One bread, one cup,
one living sacrifice poured out in your blood.
Holy Spirit, renew us,
that in each other we may see you.
Gathered as one fam'ly in love,
one bread, one cup.**

**2. As we gather at your table,
broken like the bread we share,
fill our hearts with your compassion
for a world in need of care.
You are the way. You are the life. You are the truth.
The source of our salvation, we find new life in you.
(to Refrain)**

Bridge

**When we go forth from this place of perfect peace,
may your light shine in our lives for all the world to see.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

please stand

Closing Song:: THE LOVE ROUND

**Love, love, love love
Christians this is you call.
Love your neighbor as yourself
for God loves us all.**

Have a blessed week!