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Communion in the Absence of a Priest  
Worship at 10:00 am

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## Whoever and wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left.

As a diverse community in God, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects God's divine completeness. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Joshua Dennison

Call to Prayer

Chime +++

*All stand as able*

**Minister of the Word:** Let us pray.

\* Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring, May love rise again in us today, with food for every table, Shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love, and free us from all falseness that the light of our souls may shine and the strength of our spirits endure for earth and all its people this day, tonight, and forever.

**Amen**

Processional

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

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Opening Acclamation

**Minister of the Word:** Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day

**Minister of the Word:** God be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Minister of the Word:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

### The Lessons

*All be seated*

#### Old Testament

Genesis 22:1-14

#### A reading from Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So, Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So, the two of them walked together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So, the two of them walked together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So, Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? will you forget me forever? \* How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?  
\* How long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \* give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \* and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
But I put my trust in your mercy; \* my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \* I will praise the Name of the Lord  
Most High

## The Epistles

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies; to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able*

Seq.

“Go Forth for God”

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The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Instrumental

Deb Harstine

*All be seated*

Proclamation

Cindy Badwey

Summer is coming. A time of gatherings and celebrations, in which many of us have something fun planned: perhaps with family, perhaps with friends. These celebrations can be wonderful opportunities to meet with small or wide circles of people, to catch up and form stronger bonds. Food is shared, and maybe some drinks and a good time. It’s an altogether fun and exciting time of year for many reasons.

Except every single family has at least one person . . . one person that is hard to like. Maybe they are negative all the time; maybe they complain a bit too often; maybe you know they mean well but say things that land badly. Every family has at least one person who is just difficult—someone who, when they show up, tries to find a different place to be.

There’s no virtue in this, but there’s also no shame in it either. We are human, and no matter how devoted we are to kindness, we won’t like everyone. We simply can’t. It isn’t a moral failure so

much as it is part of being imperfect humans in an imperfect world. This sermon is not going to tell you that you need to work harder to like every single person in your life. That's just not where we are heading here...

Today's Gospel text takes up the words Jesus says to his disciples at the end of their commissioning. He sends them out into the world, telling them how to behave—what to do and not to do—and reassuring them. He explains that some people will recognize them as doing God's work, receive them as Christ himself, and receive their reward in the next life.

Jesus says, "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple, truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." Simple, right? So how do we practice it?

We are trained from an early age to be kind to strangers, and we know the rough outline of how to be good hosts. We know how to make a casserole, send a thoughtful note, and show up to a big event.

But then we head home. Then we head off to the people who see us all the time, or we go to the family barbecue with the people that we grew up with. And then we let our guard down. We don't need to impress them, and they don't need to impress us, but how can we intentionally see Christ in a grumpy spouse, a critical parent, or an unruly child every day? Practicing this helps us grow in love and patience.

How do you see Christ in the people closest to you, even when you are tired?  
That's the hardest call.

Sometimes a spouse who can put up with our most impatient moments gets the most of them.  
Or maybe an odd uncle or aunt gets reduced to a category, and we stop really listening.  
Or perhaps a sibling is someone we know so well that we think they have nothing new to tell us.  
It's so easy to look past someone who is there all the time. But Christ never invites us to a life of ease. Christ might come to us the most in those who are the easiest to dismiss. Don't forget how Christ shows up in the world...

What if Christ comes to you through a person you have already decided not to take seriously?  
Is it the person who tells the same story over and over?

Those people who get under our skin offer us the chance to ask ourselves about our irritation, what is it closing our eyes to? What are we unable to see when we center ourselves rather than centering Christ?

The good news—and there always is Good News in this great book of ours—is that you can start small with “a cup of cold water,” Jesus says, or whatever a “cup of water” might mean in that relationship. For example, offering a genuine compliment, a listening ear, or a simple gesture of appreciation can be your small act of love.

Perhaps it means paying attention to what that critical person is saying, remembering that, much of the time, people are negative because they are hurt, and recognizing how a kind word might bring healing.

Or perhaps it means not joining another political argument to be right, but listening to the fear behind someone’s position to understand better how they see the world.

You don’t have to fix all your relationships or suddenly like all people, but ask yourself this: What if Christ comes to me in the small, ordinary, slightly annoying, very human ways that I almost ignore? Recognizing these moments can transform how we live and love daily.

Today’s deceptively small gospel teaching reveals that for followers of Christ, transformation is necessary. We don’t get to live as we did before; we certainly don’t get a life of ease and comfort. We are called to live lives oriented towards God, which means we will not be the same as before. We cannot encounter Christ and remain the same.

This text is a reminder that we are constantly asked to turn towards God. Embracing love as a practice can fill you with hope and motivate ongoing transformation in your life.

And it starts small, always.

Who comes to mind for you? Who would be a person to start this small practice with? Thinking about these relationships can help you feel connected and purposeful in your faith journey.

Christ is already showing up in the people around us. So how do we show up for Christ?

Christ is showing up in our lives in the people closest to us, and we are asked to recognize that presence, to let it shape how we show up, to let ourselves be transformed—in real time—by the presence of Christ in the world, even in those right beside us.

Let us keep praying that we have eyes to see.

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## We Pray for the World and the Church

*Kneeling or standing as able*

Together in loving confidence, we seek your power in our world and in our lives, as we say;

**Lord, and your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for all those who strive to follow you, finding their strength and the love you have for all people and races. We ask you to be with us in the present age, as we seek justice, peace, and well-being.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation, for the renewal of its promise; for those elected to serve and all in positions of leadership. We pray also for all those who work for change and for the betterment of our institutions.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, for those who work to heal and cure all that ails us.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community, that all might know health, safety, and opportunity at their most bountiful.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any kind of need, for those who struggle with hopelessness or anxiety; For those who are homeless, jobless, hungry, or imprisoned.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and the suffering.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and for those who mourn that the dying may be brought to Kingdom life and the grieving may be brought into the grace of your peace.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pray for NourishKC and Breakthrough: Episcopal Social Services

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Honorable Dame Sarah Mullaly, our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, Father Les, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

Pray for South-Central Kansas Minister, the Reverend Kitty Shield, Minister Shepherd, St. Jude, Wellington; St. Andrew's Derby; Trinity, Ark City; Epiphany, Sedan; Grace, Winfield; and their clergy and people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas,

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries here at Trinity.

### The Concluding Collects

We ask all this with hearts full of love for you, your son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

### We Exchange the Peace

*Minister of the Word:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### Offertory Sentence

Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

### Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

### We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

*Minister of Reserved Sacrament:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Minister of Reserved Sacrament:* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever. *Amen*

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 of 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 Prayer of Humble Access

*The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and People*

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink his blood so that we may evermore dwell in him and him in us. Amen**

*Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

Hymn                    "Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"                    Pg. 325

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

**Loving God, thank you for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; so, we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Recessional                    "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"                    Pg. 609

## Grace and Dismissal

*Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Closing

“Go Now in Love, Go Now in Peace”

*see insert*

## Ministers of this Service

David Reynolds, *Minister of Reserved Sacrament*

Cindy Badwey, *Minister of the Word*

Kathleen Mabry, *Usher*

Angie Pugh, *Hospitality*

Cindy Badwey & Becky White, *Altar Guild*

Joshua Dennison, *Lector*

Denise Irwin, *Counter*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

*Join us for coffee and fellowship following the service.*