

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Morning Prayer ===**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: September 12, 2021**  
**The Season of Pentecost**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #510, “The Summons,” v. 1, 2 & 5

Verse 1:

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me

Verse 2:

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
In you and you in me?

Verse 5:

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

Officiant     The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.  
*Habakkuk 2:20*

Officiant     Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All            Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

**Response** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**All** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100 Jubilate Deo*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

**Reader and People together**

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

**Psalm** *Psalm 19 Cæli enarrant*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

**Reader and People together**

*The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*

*The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.*

*By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The Old Testament – Proverbs 1:20-33**

*Reader: A reading from the Book of Proverbs.*

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***Response*** *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Epistle – James 3:1-12**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***Response*** *Thanks be to God.*

**\*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**The Gospel – Mark 8:27-38**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Response** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection – Rev. Lois**

**19 The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

**Reader and People together**

*O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done; \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.*

*All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We 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 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.  
We 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.*

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**Response**    *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

**All**            *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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Doxology**

**All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Reader:* God, we hear and respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts to Christ the Lord Church — not only of money, but also of our very selves, our words, thoughts, and actions — be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. **Amen.**

*At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **A Collect for Holy Cross Day September 14**

Officiant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11**

*Reader:* Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, and passengers aboard United Flight 93.

**People: Holy Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died. Give healing and patience to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. Replace survivor's guilt with gratitude for life. Assure each

person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength. Dispel the nightmares; silence the anxiety. May we learn to depend on the security you offer.

**People:** *Holy Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Reader:** We pray for your peace as we remember the terrorist attacks of 9/11. May our suffering from these attacks awaken in us an awareness of the pain and fear that so many around the world live with each day. May we know how to pray for those who struggle against oppression and injustice. As we hear of terrorist activity around the world, quiet our fears. Heal the wounded of these attacks, and help their families and friends rest in your security.

**People:** *Holy Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Reader:** Guide the choices of our world leaders. Give them wisdom and discernment not only as they work to resolve the lasting effects of the 9/11 attacks, but also as they try to alleviate terror of all sorts — from genocide to hunger, from drought to bombings. May their actions bring your peace to all the people of the world.

**People:** *Holy Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Reader:** Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks. We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember 9/11, may it remind us that you are our only true security. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack and the changes it made in our lives. Give us your compassion to help each other and recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace.

**People:** *In the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit: Holy Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

**Reader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,*



*not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** [KRIS-us-tum]

**Reader:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**Response** *Thanks be to God.*

**Closing Hymn** – Gather #344, “The Stars Declare His Glory,” v. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1:

The stars declare his glory;  
The vault of heaven springs  
Mute witness of the Master’s hand  
In all created things,  
And through the silences of space  
Their soundless music sings.

Verse 2:

The dawn returns in splendor,  
The heavens burn and blaze,  
The rising sun renews the race  
That measures all our days,  
And writes in fire across the skies  
God’s majesty and praise.

Verse 4:

So order too this life of mine,  
Direct it all my days;  
The meditations of my heart  
Be innocence and praise,  
My rock and my redeeming Lord,  
In all my words and ways.

**Officiant** 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.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

**Announcements**

Don’t forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!  
Check your email from Sandy for details.

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