



William H. Johnson, *Come Unto Me, Little Children.* <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57522>

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday September 26 at 10:00 am
St. Mary's la Prairie
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Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs 319



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an - gels round the throne; ten
 2 "Wor-thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!" "Wor -
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - our and power di - vine; and
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name of



thou- sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 thy the Lamb!" our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us."
 bless- ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine!
 God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb!



Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: H. W. Greatorex (1826-1912)

CM

Metrical

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here

The community is called to attend to the presence of God by a tone from the sounding bowl.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
People **to you all hearts are open,**
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

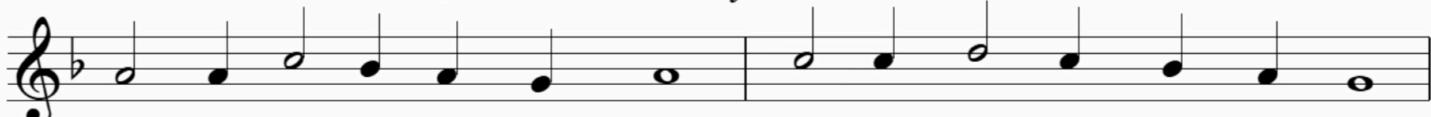
Gloria: #366 (Common Praise) “Glory, in the Highest Glory”



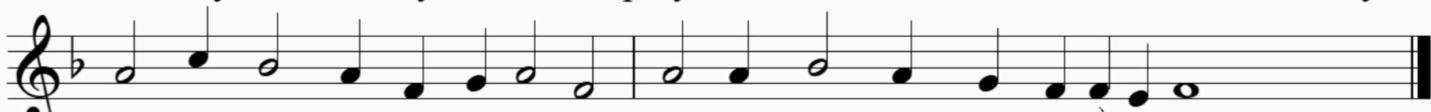
1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a - dor-a-tion, as we make our sup - pli-ca - tion.
with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

TEXT: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek Hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©.
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The Collect

O God,
pour out your Spirit over all the world
and inspire every heart with knowledge
and love of you.
May we who confess Jesus as Lord
set aside whatever obscures this faith,
so that our witness to your love
may shine clearly in all our days,
for with him you live and reign
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 124

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 if the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 then would the waters have overwhelmed us * **and the torrent gone over us;**

5 then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the Lord *
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Hallelujah

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:38-50

38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

40 Whoever is not against us is for us. **41** For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Temptations to Sin

42 “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. **43** If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. **45** And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. **47** And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, **48** where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah

Message

Prayers of the People

Speak to our hearts that yearn for you. Teach us to dwell and delight in your presence.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Speak to your Church and her leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for the newly elected parliament, speak peace to the leaders of the nations that conflicts may cease and mutual respects across boundaries and languages may prevail.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Bring the peoples of the world together so that all will be fed and warm, and none will be threatened, that the language of hope is spoken freely in all corners of the globe.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for all those who cry out in pain and those who suffer in silence for those who await healing and those who have lost hope. For those who have asked our prayers a selection of whom we name now: Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Jason, and Jane bring you healing power to all who need it most.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for those who have ended their earthly journey and are now surrounded by angels and archangels and their unending songs of praise.

Bring us also to that heavenly shore and the fullness of your eternal grace.

The offerings of the congregation may be placed in the alms basin as they enter the Church. At the conclusion of the offertory the sidespeople place the alms basin on the stand at the front of the church.

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses



Cantor:

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



All: *Cantor:*

Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and



All:

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



All:

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



All:

King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



All:

Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

The celebrant will pray the prayer over the gifts appointed for the day.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise,
almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom
you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their
hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil
and death, and banish the darkness
of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into
the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, “Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, “This is my blood
which is shed for you.
When you do this,
you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death
and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us
worthy to stand in your presence
and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God

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

*The congregation comes forward to retrieve a host, when all who wish
have a host, masks are removed and
The Celebrant says:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
All **Thanks be to God**

*Then all consume their host. Once you have consumed the host please
replace your mask.
For the duration of the Pandemic we will be communing with bread only.
The teaching of the Church is that the fullness of Christ is present in only
one of the elements.*

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
Glory to God
**from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #451 (Common Praise) "King of Love, O Christ We Crown You"



1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
 2. King of life, you have cre - a - ted wheat in gold - en har - vest spread:
 3. King of mer - cy, you have saved us from the haunt - ing sense of loss,
 4. King tri - um-phant, King vic - to - rious, take your throne our hearts with - in,



each de-mand of your high chal-lenge ded - i - ca - ted to ful - fil;
 make your ser-vants strong to serve you by the gift of dai - ly bread.
 nail - ing in your vast com - pas - sion sin's in - dict-ment to the cross.
 lest the might of fierce temp-ta - tion snare us in - to dead - ly sin.



we with you by grace co-work-ers, till, where hu - man foot has trod,
 Feed us with your bod - y bro - ken, with your blood out - poured sus-tain,
 Those who love, by your sore ang-uish, from the past you cleanse and free,
 By the Spir - it's rich a - noint-ing, grant us strength life's race to run,



peo-ples, kings, do - min-ions, rac - es, own the em-pire of our God.
 that our souls di - vine - ly strength-ened may the life e - ter - nal gain.
 breath-ing words of ab - so - lu - tion throned and reign-ing from the tree.
 till the power of sin be van - quished, till the prize of God be won.

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Blessing

Celebrant May the love of Jesus
draw us to himself;
May the power of Jesus
strengthen us in his service;
May the joy of Jesus
fill our souls.
May the blessing of God,
Source of all being,
eternal Word and Holy Spirit
be amongst you and
remain with you and those you love
now and always. Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

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Announcements Sunday September 26

A note on the prayer list

We will once more be including our prayer list. If there is someone on the list who should be removed please let me know. Likewise if you would like to add a name to the list please let me know. We will include five names from the list in our intercession each Sunday.

Prayer List

Morris Bobei, Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Jason, Jane, Jocelyn, Julia, Kelsey, Myrtle Kenny, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Barrie and Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Jackson, Jess, Kirby, Lynne, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Colten Pratt, Marcel Ricard, Rick, Marilyn Roteliuk, Jamie and Tryli Shorting, Scott, Eva Shewchuk, Sharon Skoropata, John Stairs, Tammy and David and family, Mary Wildfang, Vicki

The Thrift Shop will be open this week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30 am-4pm

Soup Kitchen - The Portage Soup Kitchen is a much needed service utilized by many in our communities. It is run entirely by volunteers and relies on the generosity of the community. After a Covid shut down the Soup Kitchen reopened in July. They are looking for financial donations. If you would like to donate you can make the cheque out to St. Mary's mark Soup Kitchen on the memo line and we will pass it along.

Christian Meditation Wednesday at 7 pm either by Zoom watch your inbox or in person in the Church.

Bible Study Friday at 3pm via Zoom watch your inbox for the invitation.

Furnishings Needed: A new refugee family is coming from Lebanon we hope some time in October. Dad and Mom are both 39, and the three boys are 16,14, and 9. Dad is the brother of Iftikar Al Houlani. Iftikar and her family were our first refugee family to arrive in Portage.
So, in the furnishing department we need:

Sofa
Love seat
Living room chair
4 beds: 1 Queen, 1 double, and 2 single (or 3 single would be fine too)
2 bedside tables
Book shelves
Desk
Washer
Dryer

We would be grateful if those donating could hold on to their item until pick up day, as we don't have a central depot and don't want to move things twice.

People who have something to donate should contact Jody Fletcher.
email: aspencottage@hotmail.com, text: [204-872-4566](tel:204-872-4566), phone: [204-857-6331](tel:204-857-6331).

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