

# 2019 Season After Pentecost Liturgy: “Let Us Not Grow Weary in Doing What is Right”

## GATHERING



## ENTRANCE

## REFLECTION

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.

Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*, p xiii

## CANDLE LIGHTING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:                   Come let us celebrate and worship  
the One who is our hope.

People:                    We come thirsty for hope.

Leader:                    Come let us celebrate and worship  
the One who is our strength.

People:                    We come seeking the strength  
that will overcome our weariness.

Leader:                    God implores us not to grow weary  
in doing what is right.

All:                         God is our strength and hope.  
With God we will not grow weary.  
With God we can have hope.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

## **WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

## **SONG AS THE CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CLASS**

Jesus loves us as we grow,  
meets us on the paths we go,  
keeps us safe and keeps us free,  
helps us learn who we should be.

Yes Jesus loves us,  
Yes Jesus helps us,  
Yes Jesus shows us,  
the best way we can go.

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **CONFESSION**

Leader:                    Wisdom calls and Understanding raises her  
voice,

telling us to rejoice in this created world,  
to delight in all that is.

People:                    We forget to rejoice and delight.  
All that is broken makes us unable to hope.

Leader:                    The Spirit helps us in our weakness,  
giving us strength and courage  
even when all we can do is groan.

People:                    We lose ourselves in worry and anxiety,  
giving up the hope that morning will ever come.

Leader:                    Jesus leads us through the shadows of  
despair  
as we wait for the dawn.

All:                                Forgive us, Holy One, when our  
weariness  
keeps us from doing what is right.

#### ASSURANCE

Leader:                    The God who became human in Jesus  
knows our weakness and our despair.  
Be assured that we are forgiven and loved,  
filled with hope for the road ahead.

All:                                Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

#### INTERCESSION AND PETITION

#### COMMITMENT

All:     O Holy One, we come today  
to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others

here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted,  
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and discipline  
to nurture our relationship with you;  
to care for every part of your creation;  
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;  
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;  
and to respond joyfully when you call,  
freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you and your creation  
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

## **HYMN**

## **THE WORD**

## SCRIPTURE

## SERMON

## SILENT REFLECTION

## **OFFERING**

## **COMMUNION**

## PREPARATION

Leader 1: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the  
table.

Here we celebrate God's presence among us  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,

sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,  
believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1:            Holy God of justice and righteousness,  
we give you thanks for your law,  
given on Mount Sinai and now written on our hearts.

People:            We give you thanks for Jesus, the Christ,  
who shows us the way to do what is right  
and strengthens us so that we don't grow weary.

Leader 2:            We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit,  
your constant presence everywhere,  
your law and your love, deep within our hearts.

All:                            We give you thanks for your  
Holy Church,  
your eternal, living Body,  
embracing us, supporting us,  
and sending us to do what is right in the world.

## BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1:    Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life,  
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2:    Jesus said, I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall never hunger,  
You who believe in me shall never thirst.

Leader 1:    On the night he gave himself up, Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
This is my body,  
broken for the healing of the world.  
Whenever you eat it, do so remembering me.

Leader 2:    After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,  
This is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all.  
Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

All: O Holy One, send down your Spirit  
that these gifts of grain and grape,  
and work of human hands  
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Unite us with Christ forever  
and bring us with the whole creation  
to your eternal realm.

### SHARE THE ELEMENTS

*If you do not wish to receive the elements today you are welcome to join the circle and allow them to pass, or remain in your seat. We serve grape juice in our cups. The crackers are gluten-free.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy,  
we give joyful thanks  
for your eternal love and healing presence  
in our celebration of bread and cup.  
Bless this body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully  
to our call to be your servants,  
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.

### SHARED REFLECTIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

### BENEDICTION

Leader: Do not be daunted  
by the enormity of the world's grief.  
Do justice, now.  
Love mercy, now.

Walk humbly, now.

You are not obligated to complete the work,  
but neither are you free to abandon it.

As we go forth in love

let us not grow weary in doing what is right,  
and greet one another with signs of peace.

All:                      Amen.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Benediction based on a passage from the *Talmud*.