

VIRTUAL CHAPEL SERVICE

September 23 and 26, 2020



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For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the
bread that the LORD has given you to eat.’”

~ Exodus 16:15 (NRSV)



Gathering as the Body of Christ.

CENTERING SONG

“OUR GOD”

CHRIS TOMLIN

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's No one like you
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God
(2x)

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
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GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Through the waters of oppression and death, Lord God,

Many you led a people into the burning presence of your love.

As you fed them in the desert,

Be our Passover from the land of injustice,

be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love,

now feed us with the finest of wheat,

that we may know the liberating power of the paschal feast. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER”

NCH #19

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but You are mighty; hold me with Your powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield.

Ever be my strength and shield.

When I reach the river Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to You!

I will ever sing to You!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for our lives. We know what you want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One God, who has never strayed from you, is with you. God will heal your hearts and direct your steps. Place your life in God's loving care. AMEN.

Many In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All Thanks be to God

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to pass the peace to each other by waving or by typing in the chat function in Zoom.

The peace be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

VIDEO

"THE MANNA PRINCIPLE"

FT. ROBERT GUERRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 16:1-16, 31-35

NRSV

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord

has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?”[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’”

The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, in order that they may see the food with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’” And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the Lord, to be kept throughout your generations.” As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the covenant,[a] for safekeeping. The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate manna, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

DR. GREG CAREY

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One Creator God,
We thank You for our wondrous diversity, for our cultures, traditions and languages, for all the ways we celebrate our humanity and praise Your divinity.

Many

Thank you!

We value all peoples, and in this time, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

We are grateful!

May we remember in our churches the leaders, teachers, and theologians that have been part of our Christian faith tradition.

Help us remember.

May we continue to hear from diverse voices that speak the truth of God's love, peace and justice for all peoples.

Help us to listen.

Guide us in ways of new understandings to build a more inclusive church. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray.

Guide us.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

“HOLY SPIRIT, RAIN DOWN”

RUSSELL FRAGER

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;
O comforter and friend, how we need Your touch again;
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word;
Holy Spirit, rain down!**

**No eye has seen, no ear has heard;
No mind can know what God has in store,
So open up Heaven, open it wide,
over Your Church, and over our lives!**

The Service of the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you. / Y también contigo.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. / Los elevamos al Señor.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Santo eres tú y bendito es tu Hijo Jesucristo.
Mediante el bautismo de su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección,
diste nacimiento a tu Iglesia,
nos liberaste de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte,
e hiciste con nosotros un nuevo pacto
mediante el agua y el Espíritu.
Nos comisionó ser sus testigos hasta el último rincón del mundo
y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones,
y hoy su familia en todo el mundo se junta alrededor de su santa mesa.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his
disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renueva nuestra comunión con tu Iglesia por todo el mundo,
y fortalécela en cada nación y en medio de cada pueblo
para dar testimonio fielmente en tu nombre.
Mediante el poder de tu Espíritu, haznos uno con Cristo,
uno con los demás, y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo,
hasta que Cristo venga en la victoria final y podamos todos participar en el
banquete celestial.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all
honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

CLOSING SONG

“SOMOS PUEBLO QUE CAMINA”

NCH 340

**Somos pueblo que camina
por la senda del dolor
Acudamos jubilosos
a la santa comunión.**

**We are people on a journey;
pain is with us all the way.
Joyfully we come together
at the holy feast of God**

**God has sent the invitation
to the humble and the poor
Joyfully we come together
at the holy feast of God**

**This is bread that God provides us,
nourishing our unity.
Joyfully we come together
at the holy feast of God**

**Christ is ever present with us
to unite us all in love.
Joyfully we come together
at the holy feast of God**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER"

INSTRUMENTAL REPRISE

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