

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

This Sunday, we will hear echoes of our church's sacramental life in the readings which may deepen our yearning and hunger for the sacred feast of the Lord's table. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances at home.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2020
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And the LORD will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸the LORD will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited; so that God might save us.
This is the LORD from whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:

Music may be found at:

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201011/playlist>

PSALM 23

¹The Lord| is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to

his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

This is a hard time for us to think about whatever is true, honorable, just, commendable . . . So much violence, sickness, death, and divisiveness surrounds us. The ancient image of the banquet at the end of time, the feast to which all peoples are invited and at which death is finally destroyed, sounds wonderful. But where is it? We cannot even come now to its foretaste, the holy communion in the church. We may rightly feel more like the unprepared guest who has been thrown out. But the promise of God is sure. In his cross and resurrection, Jesus Christ has himself swallowed death and even now he is our shepherd, preparing the table before us, wiping tears away from all faces, being the refuge of the poor. We will come again to the feast in church. And even now we may, in the power of the Spirit, feast on the word, clothed with the garment of God’s mercy right now. Then, rejoicing in the Lord and adopting God’s own gentleness, we may join in the wiping away of tears on the faces of others.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201011/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201011/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #479

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Then pray these intercessions:

Joined together in confidence of God's grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "receive our prayers."

A brief silence.

That even through global sorrows the church can rejoice in your salvation, that bishops, pastors, deacons, and church leaders be sustained for their ministries, that churches find strength in ecumenical and interracial collaboration, that church members resolve their conflicts in peace, and that all the baptized find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just:

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, O God our Shepherd:
receive our prayers.

That the damaged places on earth be restored to fruitfulness, that animals in the wild be safeguarded, and that we humans will be dedicated to a commendable use of your creation,

A brief silence.

We pray for the earth, O God our Creator:
receive our prayers.

That national conflicts be resolved without warfare and destruction, that the work of diplomats and international peace workers be honored, that leaders of nations attend to the needs of the poor, that our country be preserved from discord, rancor, and violence, that the election process will be just, that prejudice based on ethnicity, skin color, and economic status be ended, and that justice will prevail in our laws and through our courts,

A brief silence.

We pray for peace and justice, O God our Ruler:
receive our prayers.

That the plague of the coronavirus will subside, that all who are sick with the virus, from rulers to refugees, be healed, that people living with fear be comforted, that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be made everywhere available,

and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed,

A brief silence.

We pray during this pandemic, O God our Healer:

receive our prayers.

That those who suffer from want be assisted,

that the unemployed find jobs,

that children be educated,

that ministries of care be strengthened to feed the hungry and house the homeless,

that extremism be lessened and a spirit of cooperation be nurtured,

and for all the sick, whose names we call out here: Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck,

David Collins, Don Hansen, Karen Huff, Lyle Kubly, Jack Mulloy,

Gretchen Zeltner.

A brief silence.

We pray for all in need, O God our Guardian:

receive our prayers.

That in mercy you welcome our personal petitions,

A longer period of silence.

We pray for ourselves, O God our Mother:

receive our prayers.

That you receive our thanks for all those who have died in the faith,

that when facing our own death, you give us hope,

and that you grant us your peace throughout our days,

A brief silence.

We praise and pray to you, O God our Homeland:

receive our prayers.

Into your hands, merciful God our Father,

we offer ourselves and all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20201011/playlist>

HYMN #874

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing; your
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.



We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Day of Thanksgiving [Canada]) Psalm 34. **Tuesday** Amos 9:5-15. **Wednesday** Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4. **Thursday** (commemoration of Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582) Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]. **Friday** 1 Peter 5:1-5. **Saturday** (commemoration of Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115) Isaiah 14:3-11. **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

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