

## World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

**Greeting:** God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

### Question of the Day:

The world has how many time zones? a) 18 b) 24 c) 30 d) 36

**Hymn** “Psalm 19”

### Call to Worship

The God who frees us invites us to worship.

The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

**God is present with us, eager to speak to us.**

**We are ready to listen to God’s word.**

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

God’s decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

**May our awe before God be pure and enduring.**

**May our thoughts, our words, and our actions**

**be acceptable to God.**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Holy God, may your Spirit illumine your Word so that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NRSV

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. . . .

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. . . .

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

### Psalm 19:7-11, 14 NRSV

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward. . . .

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**Response:** *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

## **Time of Prayer**

### **How Is It With Your Soul?**

#### **Call to Confession**

Our Creator seeks an accounting of our faithfulness to the way of life designed for us. Let us seek forgiveness for our shortcomings.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you have provided generously and wisely to all of us. And yet throughout your creation we have bent and ignored your law. We like to hold other people accountable to your commandments, but avoid their implications for our own lives. We struggle to live in harmony and peace because we hold fast to our own opinions and positions. How can we come to your table when we are out of sorts with our sisters and brothers? Hear our confessions.** *(Time of silent prayer.)*

#### **Assurance**

The One who orders all worlds seeks to bring order and joyous freedom into our lives. Thanks be to God who offers us forgiveness. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Answer to the Question of the Day**

**Time of Offering** *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

### **Offering Prayer**

**Ruler of all space and time, all that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us to use well all that we offer to the work of your church. May our daily goal be to serve you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Message** "The Law" Rev. Joyce Rich

## **Holy Communion**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

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.**

Holy are you . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us . . .

all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Elements** *Use the bread and cup that you have prepared.*

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### **Prayer After Receiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the light of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Commission and Blessing**

With eyes enlightened, go forth to serve with joy.

With hearts made pure, pass on God's love.

**With souls revived, we are rejoicing!**

**God's law has revealed to us God's love and care.**

All that we have gained is a gift from God.

**We dwell together in Christ's body, the church.**

**Our resurrection faith gives us hope.**

Amen. **And Amen.**

**Hymn** "One Bread, One Body"

### **Announcements**

**Read For Next Week:** Exodus 32:1-20; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:4-9

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