

Order of Worship
Proper 18

Gathering

Music Change My Heart

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*Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.
Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
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Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship

Liturgist

L: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God. Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

C: **God knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.**

L: Like clay in the hand of the potter; God shapes us into vessels of divine will.

C: **We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.**

Hymn

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(Tune: Blessed Assurance)*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*

*Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,*

*as in thy presence humbly I bow.
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*

*Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

We come to worship to praise God, but also we remember our own faults and problems. Let us now turn to God in confession together:

Prayer of Confession (Based on Luke 14:25-33). *written by James G. Kirk, in When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship, Year C (Philadelphia, PA: Geneva Press, 1985).*

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

Words of Forgiveness

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In God's love and grace we know that we are indeed cleansed from all our sin, and sustained by the Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, God's ultimate sacrifice, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Dear Lord, illuminate this day and enlighten us as we seek to know you through your word. May we be led by your light so our hearts may be opened to your word. We pray that we receive every word you speak to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Liturgist

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 25-33

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Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Anthem

Grace Alone

Ric Fernandes

Sermon

Rev. Barbara Macfie

“Choosing To Be Disciples”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Barbara Macfie

I believe in God almighty, creator of heaven and earth and in God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the

Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation To The Offertory

Liturgist

There are many signs we claim for our faith but ultimately it is our active love that reveals who we worship. In the spirit of that love may we give graciously of our time, talents, and monies.

Offertory

Ric Fernandes

Doxology

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Help us to give you not only our finances but all we are, all we have and all we hold. We open our lives to you for the service of your Kingdom. Please work through our offering today, our lives this coming week, and lead us to follow you Christ in all that we do and say.

Communion

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Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord our God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

*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.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup Prayer After Communion

Hymn

***Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
(Tune: Germany)***

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Benediction

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Do not grow weary in doing what is right, for you will reap a great harvest
if you do not give up.

Sow in the Spirit and reap the blessings of God. Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit be with you.

Postlude

Steve Johnson