

## Liturgy: 26th Weekend of Ordinary Time September 24, 2022

The responses of the people are in ***Bold/Italics***

Welcome:

Opening Song: #497, Sing Out, Earth and Skies

### Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Verses



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| 1. Come, O God of all the earth:      | Come to us, O         |
| 2. Come, O God of wind and flame:     | Fill the earth with   |
| 3. Come, O God of flash-ing light:    | Twin - kling star and |
| 4. Come, O God of snow and rain:      | Show - er down up -   |
| 5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: | Come and shape our    |



Right - eous One;	Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness;	Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun;	God of day and God of night:
on the earth;	Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new;	Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry	of your Son.
May our lives	your love con - fess.
In your light	we all are one.
God of sor - row,	God of mirth.
Bring us all	to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

Teri: Let us begin as one expression of God's people.  
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the hospitality of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** (adlib)

Teri : Let us remember our God who is always with us:  
God, You are the Potter, imagining each of us into being, Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**  
God, You keep faith forever, Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**  
God, You set the prisoners free Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

May our loving God shower us with grace, be forever present to us, forgive our sins, and bring us all to everlasting joy and life. **Amen.**

Spoken Gloria: (from the Book of Daniel):

**Glory and praise forever!** (bells/tambourines?)  
**Blessed are you, O God,**  
**Praiseworthy and exalted forever;**  
**And blessed is your holy and glorious name**  
**For all ages.**

**Glory and praise forever!** (bells/tambourines?)  
**Blessed are you on the throne of your kin(g)dom,**  
**Glory and praise forever!** (bells/tambourines?)  
**Blessed are you who look into the depths.**  
**Glory and praise forever!** (bells/tambourines?)

Teri: Let us pray....

God, You created us and Your image lives in each of us. Help us to reveal that image to the world, and to act justly. It can be a struggle to live in faith. May we rely on You, O Faithful One, to kindle the faith in us. May we be assured that you are a God who helps us all. In Jesus' name we pray: **Amen.**

## First Reading – Shannon

Our First Reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for you, man of God; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

This has been a Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy. ***Thanks be to God.***

## Gospel/Homily -

Teri: Alleluia. Alleluia. (***Alleluia. Alleluia.***)

Teri: May the Incarnation be with all. (***And also with you+.....***)

Teri: A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (16:19-31)  
(***Glory to you, O God.***)

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have compassion on

me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

The man who had been rich said, ‘Then, faith, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father’s house - for I have five brothers - that he may want them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

This has been a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

***Praise to you, Lord, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily: Teri

Prayers of the People – Shannon

Our response today is: God, let us hear Your voice. ***God, let us hear Your voice.***

For our world. That as our planet is ravaged by disasters, as war and division rages and as racism continues to sow violence and discord, may those in power hear the cries of those in need. We pray, ***God let us hear your voice.***

For the Church and its people throughout the world. That we may hear the Divine in every voice and treat all people with the same love and dignity we would show Jesus. We pray: ***God, let us hear your voice.***

For our bishop, Kae Madden, on the one year anniversary of her installation this week. That she may continue to be a good shepherd of God's people, we pray **God, let us hear Your voice.**

For those who are sick (especially \_\_\_\_). For those who struggle, who are lost, alone, who feel unheard and unloved. That they may hear God's voice and experience the comfort of God's grace. We pray: **God, let us hear Your voice.**

For all who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_). That they may feel the joy of eternal life with God. And for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. That God's gentle presence may bring them hope. We pray: **God, let us hear Your voice.**

Now, Fr. Teri will lead us in the prayers that have been typed in the comments.....For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **Holy God, breathe in us.**

In addition, we want to remind you that at Light of Christ, we have a Prayer Companion Team of pastoral care givers. They welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth or to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email them at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org), and one of them will reach out to you.

(Fr. Teri will finish the prayers.)

Sign of Peace

Offertory

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your tables. They represent our entire lives. May they become the Light of Christ in your world.

**Blessed be God, forever.**

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other sacred food to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food and drink.

***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: God, wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin.

Teri: Pray, my sisters and brothers, my family, that these, our gifts and lives, may continue to be blessed by our loving God.

***May God accept the sacrifice at our hands. For the praise and glory of God's name. For our good, and the good of all God's world.***

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Let us open our hearts. ***We open them to God.***

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Teri: Blessed are you, O holy God, Breath and Life of the world. Your love pulses in our own veins. You have given us one another, that we have companions on the journey. In Jesus, you share your compassion, and with your Spirit you guide us and offer grace for the journeys of this life. We bless you, O holy God, as your children gathered in your circle today and we offer you our praise, with angels and shepherds and the whole company of holy ones and all of creation, we proclaim your unending glory:

***Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Holy One, Hosanna in the highest.***

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God Who Creates and Flutters,

You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here, so touched by your Spirit, we may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of

bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**  
(bow)

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying, **"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."** (bow)

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith..... **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Teri:

Beloved God, Creator of all,  
You have invited each of us here today,  
And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament.  
We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation and abilities, differing in politics and even religion. As we come together we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred, of You God, in our midst.

We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishops Francis and Bishop Kae. Grant them grace for leadership each day.

God of Love, we trust that our beloved ancestors now live in the fullness of your eternal embrace. We give you thanks for Jesus the Christ, who showed us the goodness of resurrection. He shared that promise of love that crosses all boundaries as he loved the outcast, healed the sick and the

broken, preached Good News to the poor, was crucified and raised from the dead. May our lives reflect our gratitude as we follow Christ being Communion in the world, to raise up love anew, and commit to responding to others and sharing the story of the Good News.

(Lift elements)

Teri: Together now, we say.....

***Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever. Amen.***

### LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join our hearts together with God, and pray as we hold the world in these words:

***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 the kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

### LAMB OF GOD!

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.***

Teri: This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one whose Love transforms the world. This is the one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

***God, I am ready to receive you, because by your invitation, I am here.***

*We are invited to this table just as we are.*

*Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here,*

*here in this place, here in this community, here at God's table.  
Come, children of God, and be fed. Receive the grace of God.*

**Communion Song: We are One Body**

**We are One Body** (Dana Scallon, by permission)

Refrain: We are one body, one body in Christ;  
And we do not stand alone.  
We are one body, one body in Christ;  
And he came that we might have life.

I will live in you and you will live in my love.  
When you eat my body and you drink my blood,  
I will live in you and you will live in my love.

Will you feed my hungry, will you help my lame?  
See the unborn baby, the forgotten one,  
they are not forsaken, they are not unloved.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
He who believes in me will have eternal life.  
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, I am the Final Sacrifice,  
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
He who believes in me will have eternal life.

through the tears and sorrow, through the toils and strife.  
Listen when I call you, for I know your need,  
come to me, your shepherd, for my flock I feed.

Jesus is the Lord and he will come again.  
At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bend;  
Jesus is the Lord and he will come again.

Come receive my spirit, with my gifts be filled.  
For you are my body, you're my hands and feet.  
Speak my word of life to ev'ryone you meet.

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**Prayer after Communion:**

Teri: Let us pray...

God, we welcome you into our bodies through this meal we have shared. May our participation in the Incarnation draw us together as your Body and Blood in the world today. May we go forth from here, bringing Communion to the world. In the name of Jesus our Brother we pray. **Amen**

Teri: The Love of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Please open your hearts as together we ask for God's blessing.

Be blessed and see others as God sees them. Love others as God loves them. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Teri: We are the Light of Christ. Let us go forth as such, to love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God's world.

***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: #663, City of God

# City of God

Verses 1, 2



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your  
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of



sleep! A new day is dawn - ing  
day. The One who has loved us



for all those who weep. The peo - ple in  
has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all



dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our  
kind - ness has called us to be a light for his

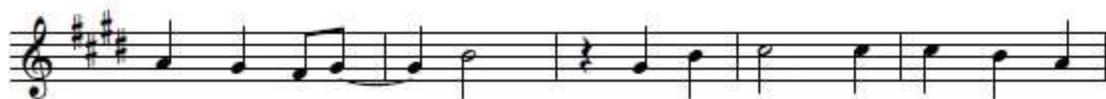


long - ing has con-quer-ed the night.  
peo - ple to set their hearts free.

♩ Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be



turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3

3. God is light; in him there is no  
dark-ness. Let us walk in his light, his  
chil - dren, one and all.  
O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your  
words. Pro-claim to my cit-y  
the day of her birth. **D.S.**

Verse 4

4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your  
voice. Pro-claim the good tid - ings  
that all may re - joice! **D.S.**