

So, in the world, were each duty assigned us  
Gives us the chance to create or destroy,  
Help us to make those decision that bind us,  
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

*Words Fred Pratt Green*

'God Whose Love is All Around Us' – (222)

## POST COMMUNION

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FINAL HYMN:** 'The Church of Christ in Every Age'

1. The Church of Christ in every age  
Beset by change but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.

3. Then let the servant Church arise,  
A caring Church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

5. We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord:  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And to spread his liberating Word.

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**GATHERING HYMN:** 'Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him' - (336)

## COLLECT:

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 53: 4-end**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we  
are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our  
own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its  
shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the  
transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and  
shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his  
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 5: 1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you’;  
as he says also in another place,  
‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL HYMN**— ‘From Heaven You Came’ (The Servant King) - 175)

**We sing verse 4 after the Gospel Reading**

## GOSPEL

**Mark 10: 35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to

them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE GIFTS:** ‘Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You’ – (81)

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** ‘Come Down O Love Divine’ – (102)



‘Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation’

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
Chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,  
Ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention,  
Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
Teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,  
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:  
May we increasingly glory in learning  
All that it means to accept you as Lord.