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PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

*P: When nothing is right, when we are weary and lost, when
clouds dull the sky,*

All: help us to be still.

*P: When our cries are unheeded, when no effort bears fruit, when
the sun sets,*

All: help us to be still.

*P: When love is over, when hope is gone, when darkness covers
the land,*

All: help us to be still.

*P: For in being still, in refusing to panic or despair, we shall come
to know that God is there,*

**All: suffering alongside and with us, waiting to show us
stepping-stones through the swirling waters, and to help us
sing a new song.**



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

All: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

L: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

All: Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

L: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

All: Together, let us worship God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for Reflection

P: Faithful God, have mercy on us.

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

P: We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

All: We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

P: We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

All: We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

P: Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

All: and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection,

All: Christ has made us his own.

P: Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Led by the Holy Spirit, we will live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

LITANY

L: Holy Sustainer, Fount of Every Blessing, we come to you this morning,

All: opening our parched places to receive the springs of living water you offer to us.

L: Most of the time, most of us don't even know we are thirsty.

All: We don't know the deep dehydration that scours our bones and parches our hearts.

L: Sometimes, when our thirst pangs emerge, we draw from the enticing wells of the world's offering of power and profit,

All: which leave us even more empty.

L: Still us, God,

All: so we might listen to You speaking to us, knowing us, seeing us, loving us.

L: Fill us with your Living Water that will transform our spirits and souls into springs that burst forth

All: with life and love for your people, for ourselves, and for our world.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

All: Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Hear the word of God,

All: that we might walk in holiness all our days.

Reader: Receive the word of God,

All: that it might be at work within us.

Reader: Heed the word of God,

All: that we may become its servant.

Reader: Today's reading is from Philippians chapter two, beginning with the first verse.

READING . . . *Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: By the word, God calls us into covenant.

All: May the divine word work within us.

Reader: May we be receptive students of it.

All: May it show us the call of service in Christ's holy Church.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,

All: and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: Water and word, wine and bread:

All: these are signs of your abundant grace.

L: Nourish us through these gifts,

All: that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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

All: 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: You are the body of Christ. May you have the heart of Christ,

All: tender for mercy.

P: May you have the eyes of Christ

All: to see a world in need.

P: May you have the feet of Christ

All: to bring good news.

P: Go in peace!

All: And God will go with us!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . “Voices Raised to You”

SINGING BOWL

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