Holy Eucharist

May 22, 2022

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Easter 6C: **Rogation Sunday**

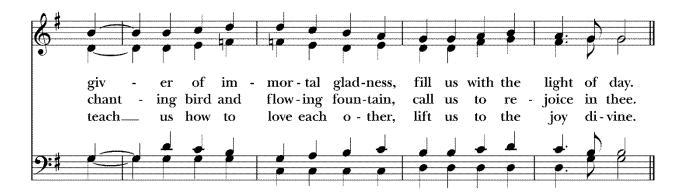
Prelude

Opening Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore thee!

Hymnal 376





Presider

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following is sung, all standing as they are able





Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹During the night, Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

to be prayed in unison

May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

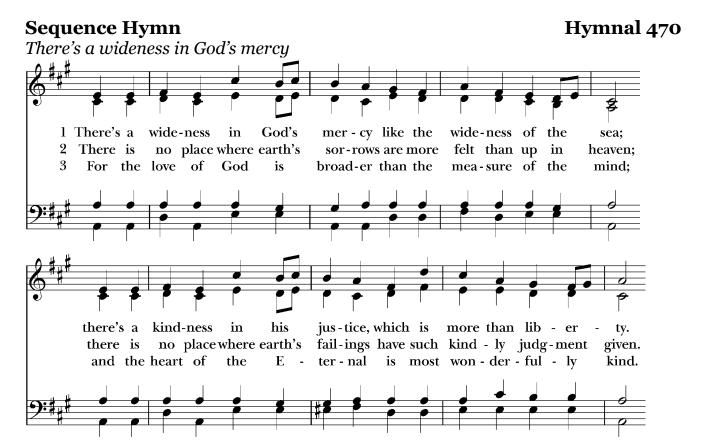
¹⁰In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

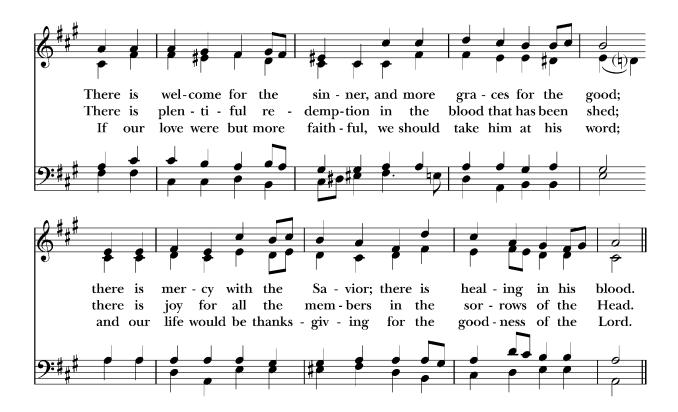
²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.





All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel John 5:1-9

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead.

All remain standing as they are able.

A Litany of Praise for Rogation Sunday

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Presider then says

Today is Rogation Sunday, when the church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth for a bountiful harvest, and the labors of humankind.

Christian honoring of Rogation Days has varied over the centuries: from observance on a fixed date of April 25, to great outdoor processions on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. Elizabeth I of England ordered the "perambulation around the boundaries of the parish" at Rogationtide, a custom still observed in many places.

Let God's people in this place join in happily, joyfully, praising the Creator of such abundance and blessing:

Presider: Let the whole creation bless the Lord!

People: Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, you heavens,

Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, you waters of the earth and sky,

Bless the Lord, storm, wind, snow, and rain,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, sun, moon, and planets,

Bless the Lord, comets, stars, and billowing clouds,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, atoms, quarks, and particles,

Bless the Lord, you mountains and valleys, hollows and hills,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, whales and plankton, and all creatures of the seas,

Bless the Lord, hawk and robin, and all creatures of the air,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, elephant and salamander, and all beasts of the earth,

Bless the Lord, mole and earthworm, and all burrowers underground,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord all you plants, mighty tree and tiny lichen.

Bless the Lord, all you peoples of the earth,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the earth, infants and children, the frail and the strong,

Bless the Lord, both the ill and the well, the joyous and the mourners,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, farmers and fishers, and all who feed humankind,

Bless the Lord, business folk, and all whose commerce sustains us,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, healers and protectors, teachers and learners,

Bless the Lord, scientists and artists, engineers and musicians,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, governors and builders-of-justice of every kind,

Bless the Lord, Chelsea and Dexter, Manchester and Jackson, Grass Lake and Ann Arbor, and all you people of Michigan,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

Bless the Lord, all you saints, you living among us and you who have gone before,

Praise and exalt our God for ever!

All Creation resounds with praise; O bless the Lord, praise God for ever!

Praise and exalt our God for ever and ever!

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

Intercessor By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the way of Jesus' love. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips. Bless us, and our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Luke's, Allen Park, Holy Spirit, Carreras, and St Mark's, Haina, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Church of the Province of South East Asia, and for all the members of Christ's body. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Silence is kept

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship. Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Silence is kept

Give to our city of Chelsea, your peace, O God. Shine the light of your love on those places in our land that are plagued by gangs and violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us. Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Silence is kept

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life. We pray for [________, and] all whom we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. We

pray for those who have died; [for, and] all whom we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
O God from whom all good proceeds: you bless the earth to bring forth her increase Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation. We thank you fo [and for] all the blessings of this life. Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you.
Silence is kept

Presider We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins to God.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

All stand as they are able

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

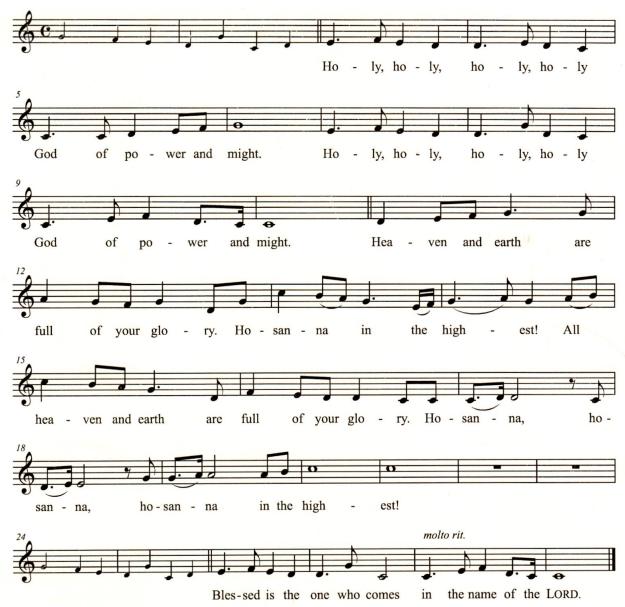
The Presider proceeds

We lift our hearts in praise to you, God of glory, because in every time and place, you have shown yourself to your people, and revealed your purpose to dwell with them always.

In the wilderness you made your place of dwelling in a tabernacle. In Jerusalem the temple became a theater of encounter with you. In Jesus your Son you came among us, making your home in human flesh.

In his death, he faced the consequences of our sin, and in his resurrection he made possible an everlasting home for us at your right hand. You have prepared for us a holy city of heavenly lights where we will dwell with you forever.

So with angels and archangels we join the praises sung forevermore in that eternal city:



The Presider continues

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life.

Fed from that river, your tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations. Nourish your church in this sacred meal, that the bread and wine we receive may be poured out through us as life abundant.

By the power of the Holy Spirit make + your church a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness,
make your face to shine upon us that we may be saved.
Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope
and long for peace the world cannot give.
Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart
that waits for the dawn of your one eternal day.

Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul, and make yourself known to all who long to see your face; until that hour when night is no more, and there is no need of lamp or sun, when you will be our light, and when in your eternal radiance you shall reign forever and ever, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Presider and People



The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

You call us, Lord Jesus, to share the feast which you first shared with the disciples on the night before your death upon the cross.

The same life you shared with them is shared with us.

The same love you poured forth on the cross is poured forth in this feast; this is the feast which your saints share for ever.

We also are called to this feast of our forgiveness, redemption, health, and joy; let us come then to this table and share this feast; and as we come to you, Lord Jesus, come now and always to us. Amen.

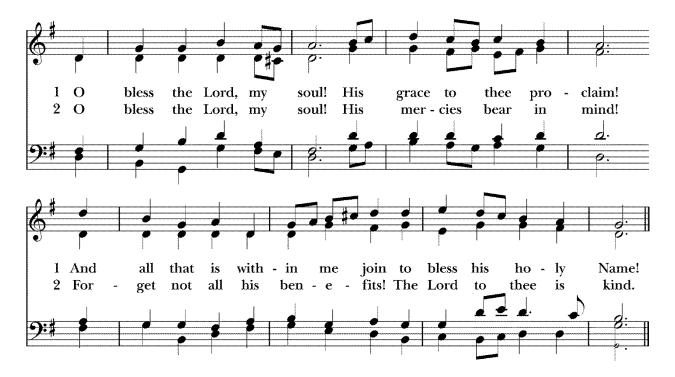
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 411

O bless the Lord, my soul



After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

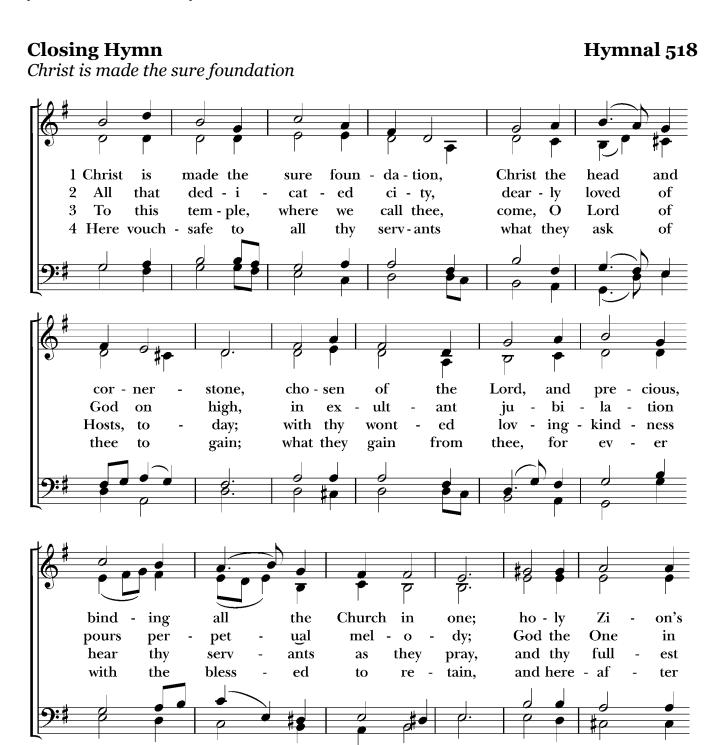
A priest blesses the people, saying

May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen**.

May God the Son who, in bursting the grave, has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen**.

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.





Dismissal

Minister Go forth into this world. Don't be afraid. Don't be ashamed to be people of love. And go forth into this world and help us to change it from the nightmare it often is, into the dream that God intends.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Congratulations and blessings to Scott Moffett, who was confirmed by Bishop Perry yesterday! The service was held at All Saints, East Lansing.

Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to <u>Nancy</u> who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is **June 26**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Coffee Hour sign-up sheet for May and June is available in the church hall. Please sign up to bring *simple* food and/or to clean up after. If you have questions, please contact <u>Kitty</u>.

Upcoming Commemorations

May 22 Helena of Constantinople, Protector of the Holy Places, 330

Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543, and Johannes Kepler, 1543, Astronomers

24 Jackson Kemper, Bishop & Missionary,1870

25 Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Historian, 735

Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

27 Bertha and Ethelbert, Queen and King of Kent, 616

28 Mechtild of Magdeburg, Mystic, c.1282



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Acts 16:9-15

Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and his crew are directed where to go in many different ways. Just before this passage, the apostles are

"forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia" and "the Spirit of Jesus" does not "allow them" to go into Bithynia (Acts 16:6-7). But in this passage, Paul receives positive direction in two different ways: through a vision of a man and an invitation of a woman. In their mission work, the early followers of Jesus must remain just as open to indirect messages about where they are not to go as they are to specific affirmations of where they are welcome.

- When has it been easier for you to hear warnings about where not to go and what not to do? When has it been easier to hear positive guidance? In what different ways has God offered you direction in your life?
- She urged us, saying, "...come and stay at my home." What invitation in your life are you having difficulty being open to? Is it from someone you do not expect?

Psalm 67

We read the word "all" five times in this short Psalm: "all nations" (twice), "all the peoples" (twice), and "all the ends of the earth" (once). Unlike in other parts of Scripture, God's inclusiveness is unmistakable in this psalm. Over and over again, God's all-encompassing love expands beyond the limits of the psalmist's imagination. The reference to "the ends of the earth" reminds us that the globalization and circumnavigation of our day were inconceivable at that time.

- In what ways might our own imaginations be limited by our concepts of space, time, and global realities? How does God's love extend beyond even those?
- When all the peoples praise God, do they praise God in the same way or differently? How does our understanding of universality intersect with our notions of diversity and particularity?

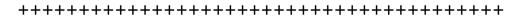
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

The vision of St. John of the new Jerusalem in these verses is quite beautiful, and echoes Psalm 67: "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." The lack of night in this new city means the gates of the city will never be shut. In this, we know that there is no longer anything

for its inhabitants to fear. Given how intrinsic fear, insecurity, and anxiety are to modern life, it is hard to imagine life without them motivating our habits and choices. What would a lack of fear, insecurity, and anxiety look like in your life and in the life of the Church?

- What is missing from St. John's description of the new city? What other aspects of life in the new heaven and new earth do you long for?
- Why is imagining life without fear, insecurity, or anxiety helpful or important for Christians? What can it enable or open us to?

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