

Holy Eucharist

October 6, 2024

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Proper 22B, Pentecost 20

Prelude



All stand as they are able

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Presider Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Psalm 8

to be prayed responsively, beginning with the pulpit side

¹O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²**Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵What are human beings, that you should be mindful of them? *
or mortals, that you should seek them out?

⁶**You have made them but little lower than the angels; ***
you adorn them with glory and honor;

⁷You give them mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under their feet:

⁸**All sheep and oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰**O LORD our Governor, ***
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?”

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All then stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 213

Children of the heavenly Father

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal, and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Bill Stech

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one God,
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,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, we come to the Holy One, who is merciful and loving. We come seeking God's grace. May the Holy One create in us lives that are gracious and loving. We raise our hearts and voices, responding, in your mercy, Lord hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, reveal yourself to us in the world you have fashioned: in the wonder of your creation and in the faces of our brothers and sisters. Strengthen our commitment to being good stewards of all that we are, and all that we have. We pray for those who come to our Labyrinth that, as they walk, they may find peace and renewal. Keep us mindful of the billions of your children we will never know, and the generations which will follow us. In your mercy, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Train our hearts on you and teach us to listen to your voice and follow your lead. Equip us, we pray, with all we need to do the work you have given us to do: to reflect your goodness in the world, to open our hearts to all people, to partner with you in your mission of reconciliation. In your mercy, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Flood this nation with a yearning for justice for all people in all things. Shine a light into those instances where we have been wrong, or where we have claimed more than our share while the

needs of others have been ignored. Ignite in us a passion for your purpose in this world you love so dearly. In your mercy, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

We thank you for experiences of new life and insight. We rejoice with those households expanding with new children and life-giving relationships. We pray for those who come to our Labyrinth that, as they walk, they may find peace and renewal. May we be grateful and generous with those blessings you shower abundantly on us [especially_____].

As you never tire of loving us and healing us, may we never tire of caring for your people who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit [especially_____]. Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for the people whose lives have been devastated this hurricane season. Bring them comfort, we pray. Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Have mercy on all those working to rebuild. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise.

Hold close to your heart those who are making their final journey home to you. Grant them a peaceful end and a joyous entry into the communion of all the saints in light. We pray for those who have died [especially_____]. In your mercy, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Presider May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts always be acceptable to you O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Be present with us always, Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries

In October, we celebrate the birthdays of Josie, Doug, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.

Prayer for a Birthday

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O God, our times are in your hand. **Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Josie, Doug..., as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for an Anniversary

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Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: **Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon Mike & Leslie, Jim & Mary [and all couples]. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen.**

All then stand as they are able

Peace

Presider The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

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*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

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

The 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 offer thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Rightly we give you thanks and praise, gracious God, for whom and through whom all things exist, because you made us little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

Long ago you spoke to us through the prophets, but now you have revealed yourself through your Son, heir of all things, reflection of your glory, and exact imprint of your very being.

Through him you sustain all creation by your powerful Word. In him you made purification for sins: as your servant he tasted death for everyone.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and the whole host of heaven, proclaiming your eternal hymn of glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.

The Presider continues

Merciful Father, you sent your Son as the pioneer of our salvation. Though we do not yet see everything in subjection to him, we do see Jesus crowned with honor because of his suffering death. Through this holy meal in your company, show us Jesus today.

In the midst of this congregation, + raise up your Spirit of love and joy and peace.

Send that same Spirit + upon this bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Transforming God, visit all today who dwell in the throes of suffering, sorrow, pain, or distress. Give them courage to withstand and patience to persist.

Take away all that would prevent your children from coming to you, and give your church grace to receive your kingdom like a little child. Receive into your arms of mercy any who have been dismissed, or excluded, or treated as objects of shame.

Melt all hardness of heart into the wonder of a people united in your inseparable love, until heaven and earth are joined in the banquet of your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.
**We celebrate his victory here and now,
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.**

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Holy food for holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all who desire have received, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

You are the body of Christ.
So be kind and generous.
Demonstrate humility and patience.
Show mercy and compassion.
Hear. Listen. Validate.

And may the blessing of the one who made you,
+Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

LEVAS 218

Jesus loves me

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — Yes, Je - sus loves me! —

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — The bi - ble tells me so.

Dismissal

Minister And now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with passion and open arms to the world that is bereft. Give hope and courage and inspiration. Teach the truth with wisdom and love. Call out to those lost in fear and suffering.

Share your faith and do not withhold what you have to offer. Do all this wholeheartedly and invite everyone you encounter into God's grace to be baptized as Jesus has said.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

October 6 The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

October 6 All Saints, E. Lansing; St Paul & St Luke, San Isidro, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Nancy, Bill, Margaret

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action is in need of our continuing help as the seasons turn colder and more challenging. The Chelsea Farmers' Markets will be open through the end of October, if you consider donating fresh food. You may bring your donations to church, to FIA, or to Nancy 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*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food Drive** is **October 20**. In the Spirit of Jesus' love, please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- October 6 William Tyndale, Priest, 1536
- 7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg: Lutheran Pastor in N. America, 1787
- 8 William Dwight Porter Bliss, Priest, 1926; and,
Richard Theodore Ely, Economist, 1943
- 9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253; and,
Wilfred Thomason Grenfell: Medical Missionary, 1940
- 10 Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954
- 11 Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
- 12 Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915

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Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Hebrews paints a picture of Jesus Christ in the fullness of his divinity and humanity. In the first four verses, we are introduced to Jesus as the Son, heir, participating in creation, as sustainer, the “reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being” (v. 1:3), the one who made purification for sins, and one greater than the prophets and the angels. When we move to the second chapter, the author quotes Psalm 8, which discusses humanity as lower than angels and yet having all things subject to them. Noting that humanity has not yet fulfilled this psalmist’s claim, the author points to Jesus in his humanity as the model for this kind of movement from lower-than-angels to glory and honor. The achievement of this, however, is not through ascent in the human realm, but rather through a path of descent with suffering and death. It is in this experience of full humanity, unto death, that we are made siblings of Christ.

- What does “subjecting all things under their feet” (v. 2:8) mean in light of Jesus’ example?
- What does being a brother or sister of Christ mean to you?

Mark 10:2-16

This passage from Mark has three episodes – one with the Pharisees, one in the house with the disciples, and the final one with children. It begins with the Pharisees questioning Jesus about the legality of divorce. Jesus points them to the laws of Moses, asking them to answer their own question. Upon their affirmative answer, Jesus refers them back to Genesis, to our creation as male and female, and the ideal of marriage that makes two people become one. The disciples need clarification, however, and so when they are in the house, they ask Jesus to explain further. Here, Jesus expands the original question by introducing the possibility of the wife also divorcing the husband. This is significant, and more relevant for today, given that divorce is a common occurrence now. While the result is the same, Jesus points out to the disciples that societal expectations are too limited, focusing merely upon the rights of the man to divorce the woman. Creation shows us a more expansive ethic.

The disciples continue to participate in societal and earthly norms, attempting to keep the children – those without rights, the weakest of society – from coming to Jesus. But he tells them that the kingdom of God belongs to these innocent and weak children of God.

- Jesus refers to Genesis, pointing out an egalitarian system between male and female. How might this change our understanding of other aspects of our creation stories?
- What is your understanding of receiving the kingdom of God as a little child?
- Who in our society are we keeping at a distance from Jesus’ feet? Why?

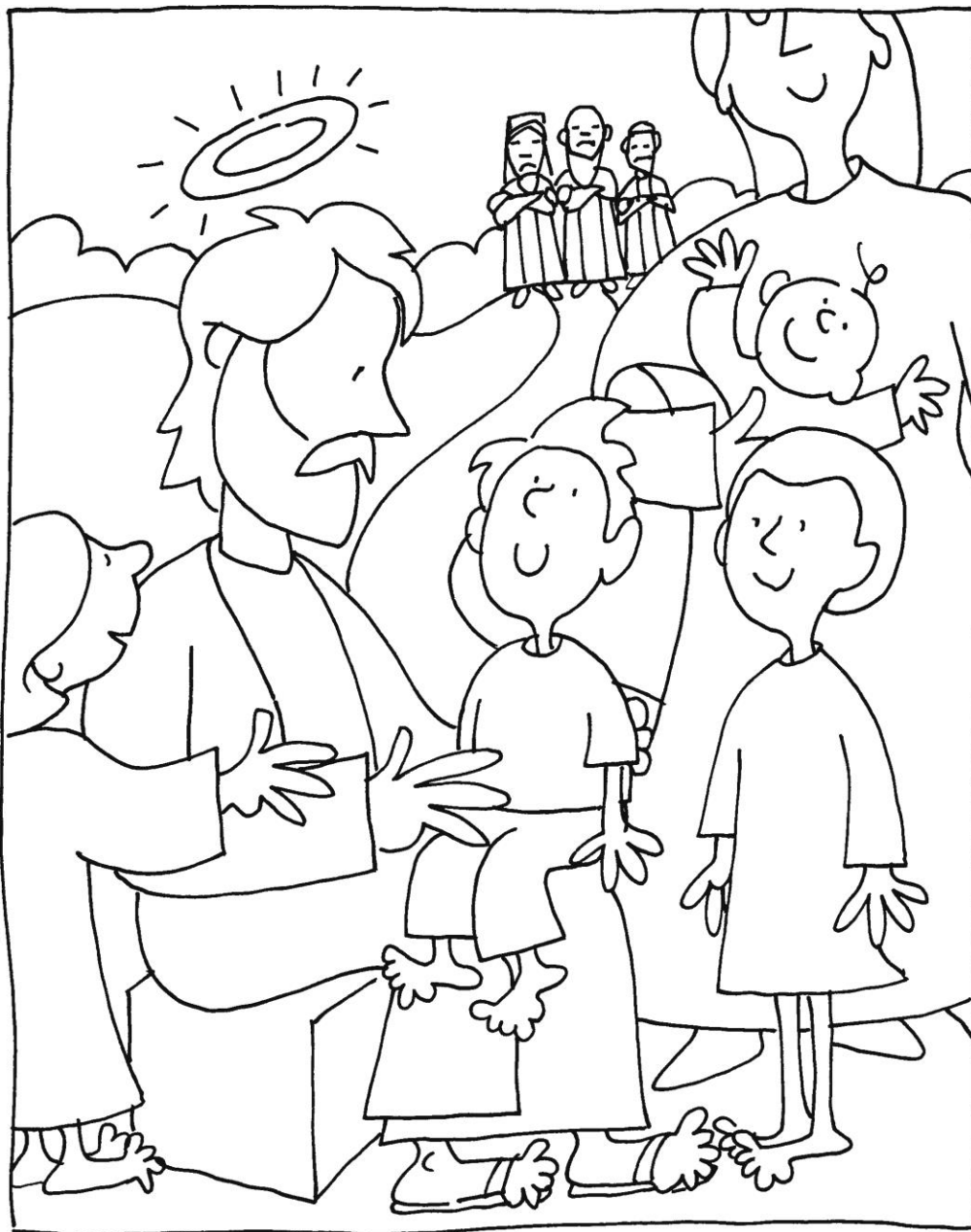
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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