

# Worship at Home

*Sunday, September 25, 2022 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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via Zoom or Dial-In



# Welcome and Gathering of the Community



# Opening Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

(CP 458)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.



# The Collect

*Leader* Together, let us pray.

*All* God of unchangeable power,  
when you fashioned the world  
the morning stars sang together  
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;  
open our eyes to the wonders of creation  
and teach us to see all things for good,  
to the honor of your glorious name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Reading

## *1 Timothy 6:6-19 (MSG)*

*Reader*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Hear God's Message, House of Jacob! Yes, you—House of Israel!

God's Message: "What did your ancestors find fault with in me that they drifted so far from me, took up with Sir Windbag and turned into windbags themselves? It never occurred to them to say, 'Where's God, the God who got us out of Egypt, who took care of us through thick and thin, those rough-and-tumble wilderness years of parched deserts and death A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble.



# Reading

## *1 Timothy 6:6-19 (MSG)*

*Reader*

Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after. But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses. I'm charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took his stand before Pontius Pilate and didn't give an inch: Keep this command to the letter, and don't slack off. Our Master, Jesus Christ, is on his way. He'll show up right on time, his arrival guaranteed by the Blessed and Undisputed Ruler, High King, High God. He's the only one death can't touch, his light so bright no one can get close. He's never been seen by human eyes—human eyes can't take him in! Honor to him, and eternal rule!



# Reading

## *1 Timothy 6:6-19 (MSG)*

*Reader* Oh, yes. Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

*Please join on the alternating  
bolded verses of the psalm*

- Officiant* He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- All* **He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."**
- Officiant* He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.
- All* **He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- Officiant* You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- All* **Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**



# Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

*Please join on the alternating  
bolded verses of the psalm*

*Officiant* Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

*All* **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honour.**

*Officiant* With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.



# Reading

*Luke 16:19-31 (MSG)*

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

“There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man’s table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores. “Then he died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I’m in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here.



# Reading

*Luke 16:19-31 (MSG)*

*Reader*

Here he's consoled and you're tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.' "The rich man said, 'Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won't end up here in this place of torment.' "Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.' "I know, Father Abraham,' he said, 'but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.' "Abraham replied, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.'"

The Word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**



# **The Reflection:** The Rev. Molly Finlay



# What We Believe

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life  
to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader* This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



# Invitation to Christian Stewardship

*We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.*

*We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our website.*

**Leader** Together let us pray.

**All** Dear God, thank you for all that you give us.  
We faithfully give back to you just a portion of what you bless us with. Thank you for teaching us to be generous and for giving us grateful hearts. Amen.



# Prayers of the People, led by The Rev. Molly Finlay



# The Confession

*Leader* Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

*All* **We confess to you, Heavenly Father, how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes. Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts. Show us how we can only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit so we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# Prayer of Pardon

*Leader* Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*All* Amen.



# The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



# The Blessing

# Announcements



# Closing Hymn

## *To God Be the Glory*

(CP 371)

To God be the glory, who great things has done! God so loved the world, freely sending the Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### (Refrain)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give God the glory, who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God:

that when the offender, repenting, believes, through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see! **(Refrain)**



# The Dismissal

*Leader* So now go in peace, remember the poor, be kindly affectioned one to another!

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

