

Tenth after Pentecost, Year B August 1, 2021

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Come and welcome the King of kings. The time has come. Of worshipping the King. This is the time. This is the hour. And his church rises to worship. Celebrating with great joy. The king is here.

***SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:12-16**

*** OPENING HYMN: #131.....We Gather Together**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: World news is a constant cry of violence and bloodshed. But God is still in charge of his world.

People: We trust in God to be our refuge and help in the time of trouble.

Leader: When the future becomes history, God's fingerprints will be on it. But we can be a part of the future only by trusting in God.

People: We know that God's time is not ours, nor does God work according to our impatience. We therefore commit ourselves to God's care, assured that in God will be our strong defense.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Almighty God who calls us, in the midst of a world broken by discord and violence to respond to you in faithfulness: Inspire us by your Spirit to put our trust in you, confident that we are in your love and providence. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

620.....One Bread, One Body

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Our world is sick with conflict and strife, Lord, and our fears convince us that conditions are worse instead of better. Our faith wanes as we wonder where you are in all this turmoil. Forgive us when we build our faith on the idea that you ought to do what we want you to do, the way we want you to do it, when we want you to do it. Renew and re-establish our faith that we may learn to live each day, trusting you to be the God you have promised to be. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: # 593 Here I Am, Lord**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God looks at us in our brokenness,
And offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.
With the assurance of God's faithful love,
Choose this day to be people of blessing.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:9**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "A Bold Faith: Part 2"

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 572Pass It On**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns`

Let us pray: **The Lord's Prayer**

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATES

*** CLOSING HYMN: # 557Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Esther 4:12-16 (NKJV)

¹² So they told Mordecai Esther's words.

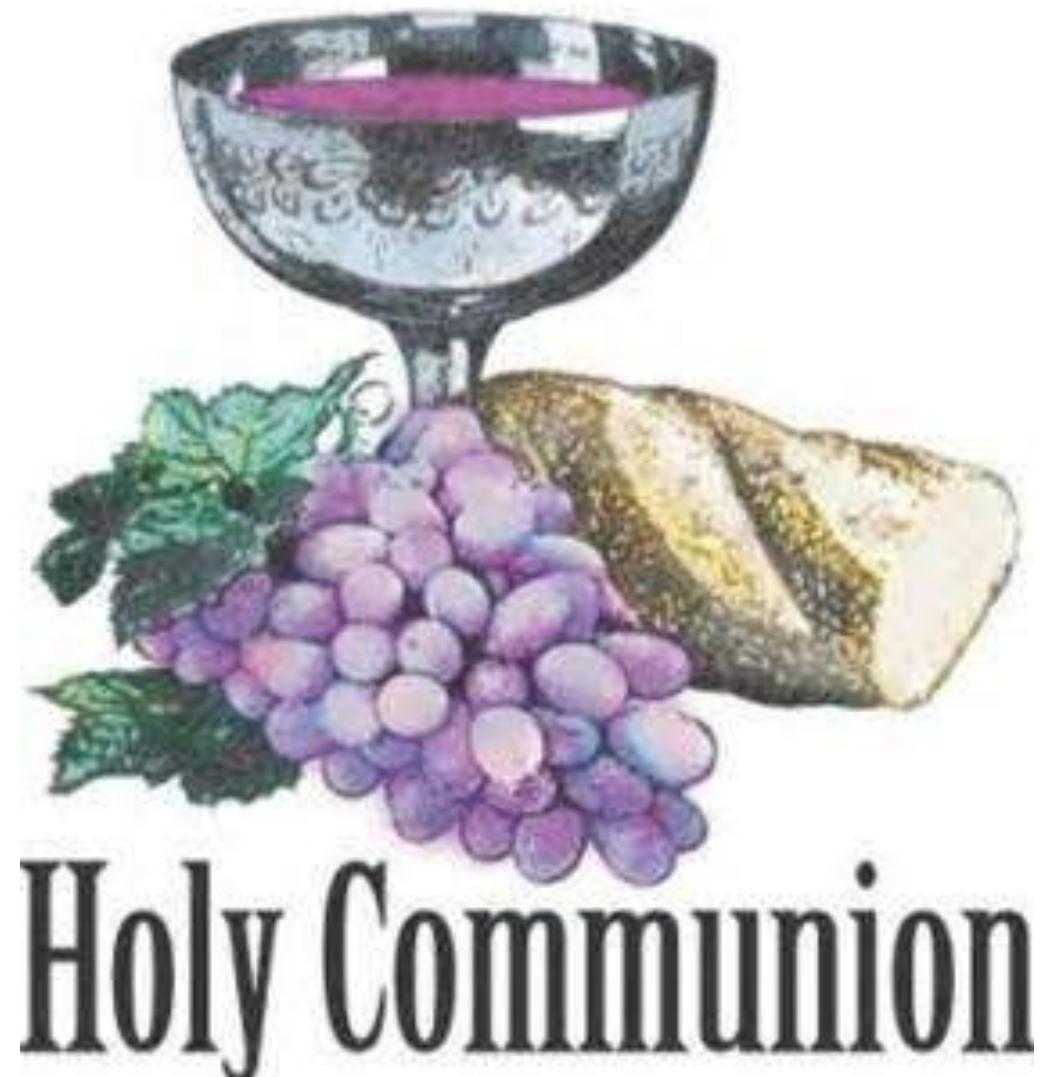
¹³ And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

¹⁵ Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in ^[a]Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

2nd Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

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