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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- ♪ Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- ♪ We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray...
- ♪ You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You...
- ♪ Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still....

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Invocation

I will go to the altar of God,

To God my exceeding joy.

Psalm 43:4

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18

Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.

A Time of Silence

Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- ♪ All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever. God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill All strife at last has ended.
- ♪ We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never, With boundless pow’r,
Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain. Lord grant us ev’ry blessing!
- ♪ O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father, Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other, O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, amen!
- ♪ O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation, Protect us from the devil’s might
Through Jesus, our salvation, Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery: To this we hold forever.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1–5

- ¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the

flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

- ♪ Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
- ♪ Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
- ♪ Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

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The Holy Gospel Please Stand

Matthew 14:13–21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message Please Be Seated

The Hymn

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

- ♪ Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.
- ♪ See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
- ♪ Round each habitation hov’ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov’ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.
- ♪ Savior, since of Zion’s city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world’s vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion’s children know.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Where is your hope for LIFE?”

Romans 9:1–13

Offering and Musical Offering

Admonition to Communicants *Please Stand*

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Hymn of Response

“Feed Thy Children”

- ♪ Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav’nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

- ♪ At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
- ♪ Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- ♪ Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- ♪ Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- ♪ Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- ♪ Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- ♪ Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- ♪ Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by Whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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“Now Thank We All Our God”

- ♪ Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- ♪ Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- ♪ All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

- ♪ Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king, We come Your name to sing And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- ♪ You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word, Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase That from sin’s deep disgrace You so might save our race
And give us life.
- ♪ You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain None calls on You in vain; Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.
- ♪ O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride, Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God, By Your enduring Word Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.
- ♪ So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

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Postlude