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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“A Mighty Fortress”

- ♪ A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- ♪ No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- ♪ Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- ♪ God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 3

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Lord in confession, no longer as slaves, but as God's own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.

We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.

Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.

We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.

For the many times we forget Christ's power and victory and all we ever need fear in this body and life,

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In spite of our sin, the Lord gives His grace and good news of hope, promise, and victory. To the people in Isaiah's day and to us, He speaks: "'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for My servants' sake. . . . I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there."

Isaiah 65:8-9

Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law given out of love, He calls us His children and His heirs to set us free and to live in the victory He has won for us. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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*

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven; My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given; My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven, The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given. His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living, To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving. The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD;
because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.”

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23–4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- ♪ ‘Tis He forgives thy sins; ‘Tis He relieves thy pain;
‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
- ♪ He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.
- ♪ He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff’rers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th’ oppressed.
- ♪ His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 8:26–39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

- ♪ Spread the reign of God, the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev’rywhere His creatures call To His heav’nly banquet hall.
- ♪ Tell how God the Father’s will Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
- ♪ Tell of our Redeemer’s grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion’s price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- ♪ Tell of God the Spirit giv’n Now to guide us on to heav’n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
- ♪ Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- ♪ Lord of harvest, great and king, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath’ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Broken Bonds and a New Name”

Luke 8:26–39

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Hymn

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (vv. 1-2)

- ♪ All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- ♪ Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:26 & Revelation 22:20

Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Hymn

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (v. 3)

- ♪ O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (vv. 1-5)

- ♪ Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- ♪ Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- ♪ He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Through the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered
Christ's true body, for you riven, and His blood, for you once given.
- ♪ Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- ♪ Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

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Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Hymn

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (vv. 4-5)

- ♪ For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.
- ♪ To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son

To save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.

As You have destroyed the lasting penalties of our sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil,

Help us to live each day knowing the victory has been won by and through Christ, our Lord.

We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers,

That they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;

For mothers,

That they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work and duties;

And for children,

That they grow in the faith in which You have called them through Baptism, heirs of Your promises, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage

And point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

Special Intercessions

Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.

Strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely.

Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

Embolden and enliven the faith You have given through Your Spirit as we are in the world but not of the world. Empower us to be Your witnesses in our relationships, our vocations, and among our neighbors, that all may know the power and the victory of Your Son's death and resurrection and rejoice in forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

♪ Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

♪ Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

♪ Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

♪ I, the Lord, will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Postlude