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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

- ♪ God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- ♪ Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- ♪ Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.
- ♪ Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our Lord’s sacrifice in our place.

A Time of Silence

Gracious heavenly Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

People of God, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus,

“for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God,” we can be confident that He fulfilled all God’s promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen our faith so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace; 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*

“This Is the Feast”

~This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

♪ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God. ~This is the feast...

♪ Power, riches, wisdom and strength,

And honor, blessing, and glory are His. ~This is the feast...

♪ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

~This is the feast...

♪ For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. ~This is the feast....

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in
secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares
the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have
dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy
lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let
the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word
faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire,
declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises
was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring
be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which,
figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob
and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over
the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the
Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw
that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he
was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated
with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of
Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left
Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By
faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not
touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to
do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled
for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,
because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every
weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before
us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow
weary or fainthearted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Please Stand*

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

- ♪ Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
- ♪ Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- ♪ Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

♪ Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Faith Like a Squall Line”

Hebrews 12:1–2

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“On Eagles’ Wings”

♪ You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

~And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

♪ The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. ~And He...

♪ You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. ~And He...

♪ For to His angels He’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ~And He....

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Postlude