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**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“In Christ Alone”

- ♪ In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
- ♪ In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
- ♪ There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- ♪ No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home — Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

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## The Dialog

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

**He was, He is, and He is to come.**

He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

**He created all things. By His will they came to be.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

**Worthy to take the scroll and breaks its seals.**

By His blood He purchased for God

**People of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

Christ made of them a kingdom

**And priests to serve our God.**

And they shall reign on earth forever.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **Covenant Act**

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

## **Apostles' Creed**

### **Old Testament Canticle** *Please Be Seated* "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (vv. 1&2)

♪ Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.

All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

♪ Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising:

Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

## **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Amos 6:1–7

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,

and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,

the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,

and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory,

<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall,

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,

and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle**

1 Timothy 6:6–19

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual 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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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 16:19–31

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

### Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But

Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’<sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’<sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’<sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

### **Hymn**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

- ♪ On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
~So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.
- ♪ O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. ~So I’ll cherish...
- ♪ In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see;  
For ‘twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. ~So I’ll cherish...
- ♪ To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I’ll share. ~So I’ll cherish....

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Losing the Bone”

1 Timothy 6:6–19

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**New Testament Canticle** *Please Be Seated*      “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (vv.3-5)

♪ Lo, th’apostle’s holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

♪ Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

♪ Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring bend the knee While we own the mystery.

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**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**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

♪ Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

♪ Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

♪ We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

♪ When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

♪ From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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**Postlude**