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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Amazing Grace”

- ♪ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- ♪ The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- ♪ Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- ♪ Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.
- ♪ When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those who are not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading (Part One) *Please Be Seated*

Habakkuk 1:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

Confession of Sins

Having heard the complaint of the prophet Habakkuk, let us confess our sins.

We confess, almighty God, that we have not trusted Your promises; we have wondered if You have heard our cries for help. In our own sinfulness, we confess that we have considered ourselves better than others. We have failed by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We are helpless to change without Your grace and mercy. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew our trust in Your promises and protection.

Old Testament Reading (Part Two)

Habakkuk 2:1–4

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Absolution

The prophet did not get an answer about when his prayers would be answered by almighty God, but he trusted nonetheless. Faith is a gift from God by which we can trust Him, hear the Good News, and truly listen. Through the sacrifice of His Son for us, God declares us righteous even as we struggle in our daily problems. The promises of God were all kept by our Lord Jesus Christ. In His Son's resurrection, we receive the promise of eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.

Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

♪ Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

♪ Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain-head of love divine:

Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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The Epistle

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

♪ My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

♪ May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

♪ While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

♪ When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 17:1–10

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

- ♪ Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears. Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Proclamation of the Word

“For Us and With Us”

Romans 8:31–39

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Preface

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.

Psalm 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn

“Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

♪ Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship “Holy, holy, holy” cry;
“He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High.”
Praise and honor, pow'r and glory, Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned, Fall before the Father's throne.

♪ All creation, all redemption, Join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory, Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures And to everlasting days!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

♪ Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

♪ Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth here-after.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

♪ Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death.
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

♪ Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Dismissal

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 *Music: "Onward Christian", Hymn 662 "Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

♪ Serve the Lord with gladness! It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.

~Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

♪ Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best. ~Onward,...

♪ Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ. As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice. ~Onward,....

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

Postlude