



November 13, 2022

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

- ♪ Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- ♪ Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Psalm 51:15 & 17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 70:1

Confession and Absolution

In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus’ example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

A Time of Silence.

Heavenly Father,

We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“O Worship the King”

♪ O worship the King, all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

♪ O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

♪ This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow’r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

♪ Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

♪ Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

♪ O measureless Might, Ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave

them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

♪ Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

♪ Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

♪ Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 21:5–28

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

Glory to You, O Lord!

⁵And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one

stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them.⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness.¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake.¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it,²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

Hymn

“Christ Be My Leader”

♪ Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

♪ Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth,
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

♪ Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Proclamation of the Word

“What Did I Sign Up for?”

Luke 21:5–28

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with:

O Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto You.

Those who have died in the Christian faith in the last year:

Evangeline Emilee Coody 01/17/2022

Jo-Anne Wehunt Gilliam 02/13/2022

Robert Lane Emshoff 05/21/2022

Diane Henry 09/19/2022

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*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

~Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~Great is...

♪ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ~Great is....

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Postlude