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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Thy Strong Word” v. 1, 3, 5, & 6

♪ Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

~Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

♪ Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. ~Alleluia...

♪ Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

♪ God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Psalm 130:3-4*

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

*A Time of Silence*

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie

O Lord,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ,

**Have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

## The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; 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*

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

♪ O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor,  
All other names above, We worship thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

♪ O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought, We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

♪ In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine; The glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is Thine. We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

♪ O grant the consummation Of this our song above In endless adoration  
And everlasting love; Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

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## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

1 Peter 2:4–10

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 24:7–10

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**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.**

## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 11:25–30

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

## Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

♪ My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

~On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

♪ When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. ~On Christ,...

♪ His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;

When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. ~On Christ,...

♪ When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! ~On Christ,....

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## Proclamation of the Word

“The King Is Coming”

Psalm 24:7–10

## Offering and Musical Offering

### Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

### 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1 & 2)

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Words of Our Lord

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Agnus Dei Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Lamb of God”

- ♪ Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to be called the Lamb of God.  
~O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!
- ♪ Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ~O Lamb...
- ♪ I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. ~O Lamb....

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### Distribution Hymn

“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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### 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.  
**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

### Recessional Hymn

“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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## **Postlude**