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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th’ unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed ’Tis to give than to receive.

♪ Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?

♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

My help comes from the LORD,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**He will keep your life.**

*Psalms 121:2, 7*

## Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.**

## **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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** *Please Be Seated*

Isaiah 45:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity;

I am the LORD, who does all these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“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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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 22:15–22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles’ Creed

## Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- ♪ May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
- ♪ Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

- ♪ To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angel's work below.
- ♪ The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- ♪ And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Concern for the Coin and Not the Cross”

Matthew 22:15–22

## Offering and Musical Offering

**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition concludes with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and 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*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

- ♪ What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- ♪ Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- ♪ Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## Postlude