



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2023

9:00am

Morning Prayer

Mission Sunday

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(P/L: pastor/leader A: assistant; C: congregation)

All who are able, stand

THE ENTRANCE AND PSALMODY

□ O God, o - pen my lips.

☐ And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the

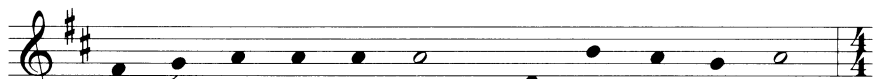
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er, A - men.

□ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; ☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The PSALMODY begins with this song of praise.



□ Give glo - ry to God, our light and our life.



□ Come, oh come, let us wor - ship.



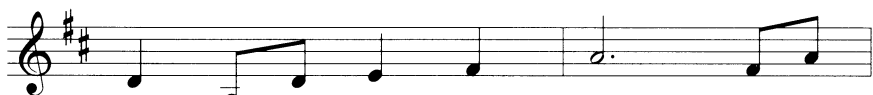
- 1. Come, let us sing for joy to the Rock of our sal-
- 2. Lis - ten, and hear God's voice. Let your hearts be true and
- 3. Now shall we sing your praise as we come to kneel be-



va - tion! Let us en - ter in with a grate - ful. Do not turn a - way as up - fore you! For the count - less ways you have



thank - ful hymn to the God of all cre - a - tion. on that day when your fore - bears were un - faith - ful. blessed our days we shall wor - ship and a - dore you.



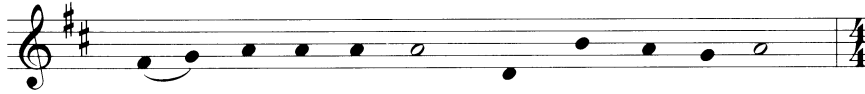
Rul - er of earth and sea, God of You are the Shep - herd true, we the God of the heights and depths, God of



ev - 'ry hill and val - ley; Let cre - a - tion ring with the peo - ple of your pas - ture; Lead us by your hand to the gal - a - xy and at - om, Sea and sky and land fashioned



praise we bring to the One who has called us here.
prom - ised land, we will en - ter and sing for joy.
by your hand— You are Sov-'reign of all that lives.



□ Give glo - ry to God, our light and our life.



◻ Come, oh come, let us wor - ship.

All sit

Psalm 136:1-9; antiphon: v. 26
His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

(the pastor and congregation recite the psalm together)

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- ²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁷to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁸the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- ⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

PSALM PRAYER

L: God of everlasting love, through your Word you made all things in heaven and on earth; you have opened to us the path from death to life. Listen to the song of the universe, the hymn of resurrection, sung by your Church and give us our blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen.

All who are able, stand

THE LESSONS AND GOSPEL CANTICLE

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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All sit

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Spiritual Strength

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

At this time, the children are invited to come to the front for a message. After the message, the PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

All who are able, stand

GOSPEL: Mark 6:45-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus Walks on the Water

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The fifth verse is sung in canon (commonly known as a "round").

The window side, group 1 begins singing.

The wall side, group 2, waits to begin singing until group 1 completes the first phrase.



All 1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el Who
All 2. The proph - ets sang that God would come And
Women 3. God's might - y arm shall set us free To
Men 4. O Child, you shall pre - pare the way, God's
All 5. As dawn brings hope to those in gloom When



saves and sets us free; From Da - vid's house a
shat - ter ha - tred's might; The prom - ise made to
wor - ship with - out fear, So good and right - eous
proph - et you shall be, And speak sal - va - tion's
fear and sad - ness cease, God's mer - cy lights our



Sav - ior comes To end all tyr - an - ny.
A - bra - ham Ful - filled with - in our sight.
we might be And faith - ful year to year.
heal - ing word: God's won - drous ju - bi - lee.
fail - ing hearts And guides our feet to peace.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen

THE PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The PRAYERS begin with a litany, sung by the leader and congregation to the following pattern:



□ Let us pray... we bring our prayer to you.

■ Good and gra-cious God, hear our prayer.

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 2/4 time, starting with a repeat sign. The middle staff is a vocal line in G major, 2/4 time, starting with a square box. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, 2/4 time, starting with a square box. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Other prayers and intercessions are said by the leader with the congregation responding "Amen" to each. In concluding the prayers the leader says:

L: God of endless blessings, we thank you for bringing us safely into this new day. Give us compassion and courage that all we do this day might be a faithful and joyous offering to you, that we might serve you and all your children in loving stewardship of your wondrous creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

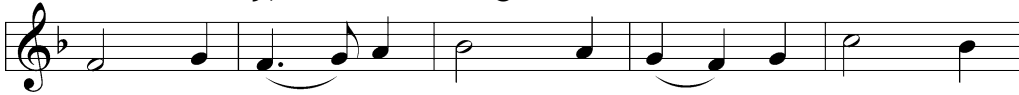
All sit

OFFERING AND SERMON

OFFERING

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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SERMON

All who are able, stand

THE DISMISSAL

PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, for our redemption you sent Jesus Christ, your Son, into the midst of your creation, as Word and witness, sacrifice and Savior.

C: Help us all to take up our own cross each day, and follow his example as faithful and compassionate servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and evermore.

C: Amen.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. composite
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