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**THE STORY: PAUL'S MISSION  
The Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020**

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**P:** Bless the Lord, O my soul: **C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

**HYMN: "From All That Dwell below the Skies" LBW 522** *(Text and tune: Public Domain)*

**From all that dwell below the skies Let the creator's praise arise;**

**Let the redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land, in ev'ry tongue.**

**Eternal are your mercies, Lord, Eternal truth attends your Word;**

**Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:** Psalm 80:7-19, *Lord, tend this vine*

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved! <sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. <sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. <sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. <sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! <sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P:** The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 12:27-30, *You are the body of Christ*

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

**P:** The word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8, *Christ the vine*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.      **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**HYMN: “Restore in Us, O God” WOV 662**

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;  
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring time bud and flower.**

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

**PRAYERS**

*Prayers and intercessions are said by the pastor. In concluding the prayers the pastor says:*

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** 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.      **C: Amen**

**DISMISSAL HYMN: “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” LBW 383**

**Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom’s task embrace;  
Redress sin’s cruel consequence; Give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;  
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, With love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod  
And quickened by the Spirit’s power, Rise up, O saints of God!**

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