

Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

November 15, 2020

DIVINE SERVICE – Setting Three

OPENING HYMN – “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

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- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

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The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to Grant us forgiveness.

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] **who made heaven and earth.**

[P] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

[C] **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

[P] O almighty God, merciful Father,

[C] **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

[P] Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12

Sung responsively – Cantor: Regular print; Congregation: Bold print



I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.*

***Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.***

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.*

***Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.***

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,
that glory may dwell | in our land.*

***Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.***

Gloria Patri

- [C]** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

- [C]** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

- [P]** Glory be to God on high:
[C] and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- [P]** The Lord be with you.
[C] And with thy spirit.
[P] Let us pray. O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
[C] Amen.

¹¹For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
¹²“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
¹⁵By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
¹⁶by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
¹⁷I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
¹⁸Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Verse (Sung by Cantor)

*You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield. (Psalm 115:11)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

[C] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his talk. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They 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.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life **✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- ☐ **Amen.**



THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

- Wed. (18th) Adult Bible Class and Matins Worship Service
Canceled for this week
- Sun. (22nd) ***Last Sunday of the Church Year***
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Divine Worship Service 10:15 a.m.