

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Believe In Jesus Christ

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Sun. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. YouTube

AS WE GATHER

The African American spiritual "Give Me Jesus" begins "In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus," words that remind us that our Savior, Jesus, is with us at all times. The same truth is expressed in another hymn in which English hymnist Timothy Dudley-Smith writes: "Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way." Jesus Christ, whom we confess in the Creed, is always there to comfort and to guide us. Our songs of praise, whether new to us or old favorites, can well express our thanksgiving for His loving care.

OPENING MEDLEY

"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Verse *You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)*

Chorus *I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You*

Verse

Chorus

Ending *You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You*

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"Here I am to Worship"

Verse 1

*Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You*

Chorus

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

Verse 2

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. 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.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . ⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

People: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SERMON SONG "In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

*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*

Verse 2

*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*

Verse 3

*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*

Verse 4

*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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SERMON *Mercy*

Romans 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

WP #34

*Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit with-in me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit with-in me*

*Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
And renew a right spirit with-in me*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Come and Behold Him"

Verse 1

*Come and behold Him
Come see His glory
Come with an honest heart
To see all He is
We will discover
All of His beauty
His light will burn away
All the darkness we've known*

Chorus

*Come and behold Him
Come and behold Him
Come with an honest heart
To see all He is
Come and behold Him
Wait now before Him
Come with an honest heart
To see all He is*

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"Beauty for Brokenness"

WP #17

Verse 1

*Beauty for brokenness hope for despair
Lord in the suffering this is our prayer
Bread for the children justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase*

Verse 4

*Rest for the ravaged earth oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned our future our dreams
Lord end our madness carelessness greed
Make us content with the things that we need (Chorus)*

Chorus

*God of the poor friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray, melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain come change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Verse 5

*Lighten our darkness breathe on this flame
Until Your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation and bring You their praise (Chorus)*

Verse 2

*Shelter for fragile lives cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak (Chorus)*

Verse 3

*Refuge from cruel wars havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness His cross for the pain (Chorus)*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "This is Amazing Grace"

Verse 1

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings*

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings (Chorus)*

Chorus

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Verse 2

*Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings (Chorus)*

Bridge

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x3)*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy (Chorus)*

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