

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Enter into the Joy of Your Master

November 12 and 15, 2020

Thu. 6:30 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.: 10:30 a.m.; 9:30 YouTube



### As We Gather

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

### PREPARATION

#### OPENING MEDLEY

"He Is Exalted"

WP #55

#### Verse

*He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name*

#### Chorus

*Jesus is Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high*

*\*REPEAT ALL*

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"Above All"

#### Verse 1

*Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began*

#### Verse 2

*Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth*

#### Chorus (x2)

*Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all*

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### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: You have been our good and faithful Master.**

Pastor: You have poured out blessings upon us.

**People: You have given us all we need to support this body and life.**

Pastor: We meditate on all that You have done.

**People: We ponder the work of Your hands.**

Pastor: On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.

**People: In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

† WORD †

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zephaniah 1:7-16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud here. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**

*Matthew 25:29a*

**People:** Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" 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** "10,000 Reasons"

**Chorus**

*Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

**Verse 1**

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)*

**Verse 2**

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)*

**Verse 3**

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)*

**Ending**

*Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

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**SERMON:** "The Day of the Lord"

Zephaniah 1:7-16

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People:** Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

† 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 to the Table"

WP #33

#### **Verse**

*Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry and thirsty  
Come and your souls will be fed*

#### **Chorus**

*Come at the Lord's invitation  
Receive from His nail-scarred hand  
Eat of the bread of salvation  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb*

**\*REPEAT ALL**

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"Shine on Us"

#### **Verse 1**

Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your light shine on us

#### **Verse 2**

Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your grace fall on us

#### **Verse 3**

Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your love come over us  
Let Your light shine on us

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING SONG "Soon and Very Soon"

WP #128

##### **Verse 1**

Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King (x3)

Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King

##### **Verse 2**

No more crying there  
We are going to see the King (x3)

Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King

##### **Verse 3**

No more dying there  
We are going to see the King (x3)

Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

##### **Verse 4**

Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King (x3)

Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

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