

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

+ PSALMODY +

(Sit)

Hymn 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

**6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

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+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

READING RESPONSE

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great

salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

READING RESPONSE

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:2–16

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another

commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

READING RESPONSE

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

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- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
 2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Sit)

HYMN 863 OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME



- 1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



- Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
 With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



- Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



- sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

SERMON: *Male and Female God Created Them, Mark 10:6-9*

(Stand)

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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ANTIPHON

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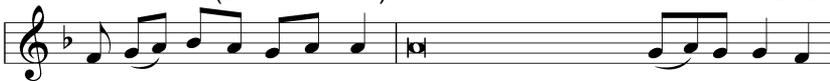
I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1:46-55)

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C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



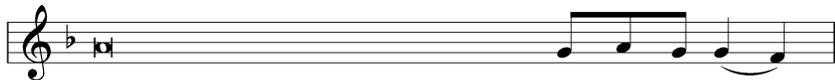
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.



I He has filled the hungry with good things,



and the rich He has sent empty away.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.



III Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

+ PRAYER +

KYRIE

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COLLECTS

INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

LSB 233



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS (Amen after each)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: *LSB 662*

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

**Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!**

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

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SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 22B) (3 October 2021)

Genesis 2:18–25

Hebrews 2:1–13

Mark 10:2–16

Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church

Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. *“It is not good that the man should be alone”* (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, *“the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs,”* which *“he made into a woman”* and brought *“to the man”* (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that *“a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”* (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. *“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate”* (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself *“through suffering,”* that He might bring *“many sons to glory”* in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10).