

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

8:00a & 10:30a

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1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness,
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine,
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Rite of Holy Baptism (10:30a)

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Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



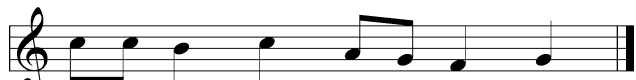
C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

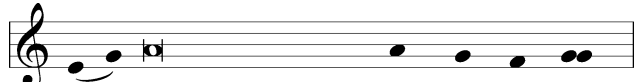


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



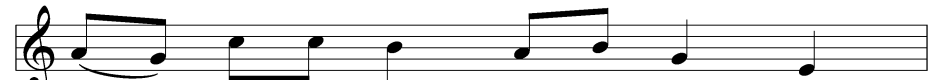
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



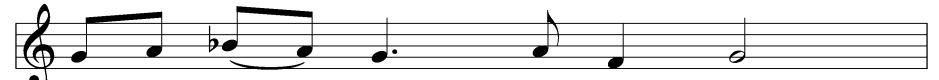
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



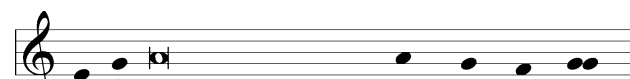
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



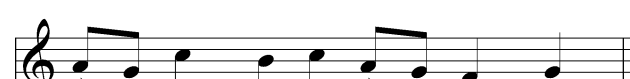
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

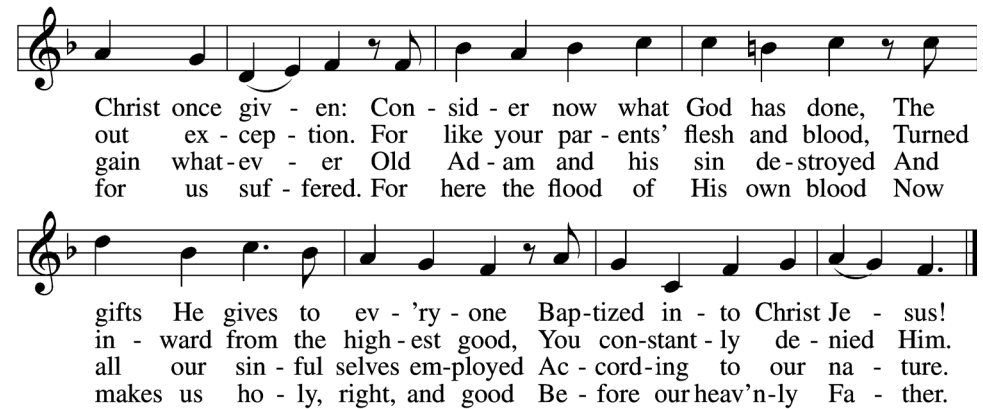


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

- P** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- C** **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
- P** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- C** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
- C** **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**
- P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- C** **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**
- P** You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”
- C** **Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**
- C** **Glory 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.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,



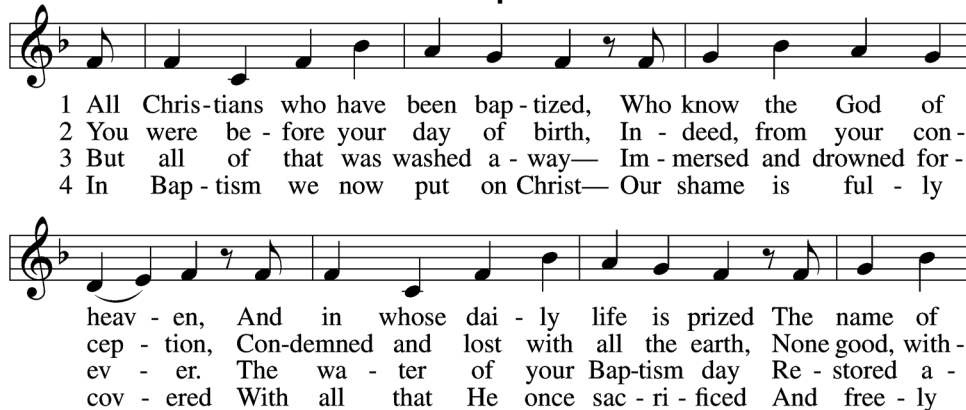
Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what - ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de - stroyed And
for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now

gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap - tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
in - ward from the high - est good, You con - stant - ly de - nied Him.
all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac - cord - ing to our na - ture.
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In - deed, from your con -
3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -
4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly

heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
cep - tion, Con - demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -
ev - er. The wa - ter of your Bap - tism day Re - stored a -
cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose

with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Sermon

Theme: “The Unfair Nature of God’s Salvation”

Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Canticle

Benedictus (L part sung by Pastor)

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B Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.



He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and



righ - teous in His sight all the days of our life.



L You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,



to give His peo - ple knowl - edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness



of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us



to shine on those who dwell in dark - ness and the shad - ow of death



and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the
 Ho-ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
 All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
 Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous 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.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,
the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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