

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8-23-20

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

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Collect

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[Isaiah 51:1-6] "Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance -- all who seek the LORD! Consider the quarry from which you were mined, the rock from which you were cut! ² Yes, think about your

ancestors Abraham and Sarah, from whom you came. Abraham was alone when I called him. But when I blessed him, he became a great nation."

³ The LORD will comfort Israel again and make her deserts blossom. Her barren wilderness will become as beautiful as Eden -- the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found there. Lovely songs of thanksgiving will fill the air. ⁴ "Listen to me, my people. Hear me, Israel, for my law will be proclaimed, and my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My mercy and justice are coming soon. Your salvation is on the way. I will rule the nations. They will wait for me and long for my power. ⁶ Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth beneath. For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing. The people of the earth will die like flies, but my salvation lasts forever. My righteous rule will never end!

[Romans 11:33 - 36] Oh, what a wonderful God we have! How great are his riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his methods! ³⁴ For who can know what the Lord is thinking? Who knows enough to be his counselor? ³⁵ And who could ever give him so much that he would have to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from him; everything exists by his power and is intended for his glory. To him be glory evermore. Amen.

[Matthew 16:13-20] When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." ¹⁵ Then he asked them, "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell² will not conquer it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you lock on earth will be locked in heaven, and whatever you open on earth will be opened in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly warned them not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.