

## Divine Service 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### The Opening Hymn: 765 ss 1-5

1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.

2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His  
grace;  
behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

3 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

4 Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.

5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so  
much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

### The Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins to God our  
Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD  
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the  
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we  
poor sinners confess to you that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean and that we have  
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;  
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless  
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the  
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your  
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on  
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our  
sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true  
knowledge of you and of your will and true  
obedience to your Word, to the end that by your  
grace we may come to everlasting life; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### The Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son  
to die 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

## **The Introit of the Day** Ps 105:1-6

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

## **Gloria Patri**

**CONG:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Kyrie**

**CONG:** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

**CONG:** Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect**

**PASTOR:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**CONG:** Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 49:14-16**

14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me."  
15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.  
16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually before me

## **The Gradual** ROMANS 11:33, 36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**The Epistle:** ROMANS 3:9-12; 21-23

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**The Verse** MATTHEW 13:35b

Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel:** ST. JOHN 10:7-15

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know

me,

15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**Choir:** "Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd"

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of blessedness,  
e'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head with oil Thou dost anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my days  
will surely follow me;  
and in my Father's heart always  
my dwelling-place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore  
Thy dwelling-place shall be.

## **The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Sermon Hymn:** 644 ss. 1-5

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her  
oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

**The Sermon:** "Engraved" ISAIAH 49:14-16

## **The Offertory**

**CONG:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

### **The Closing Hymn:** 878 ss 1-6

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O, abide with me!
2. I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O, abide with me!

3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

### **The Benediction**

**PASTOR:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord  
make His face shine on you and be gracious  
to you. The Lord look upon you with favor  
and † give you peace.

**CONG:** Amen.

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