

Divine Service 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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: 902 ss 1-4

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
and let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise
in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds;
and set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy, Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
we then shall see you face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!

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 118:1, 22-24

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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: Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Gradual PSALM 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

The Epistle: I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

1 For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain.

2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive,

4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.

6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

The Verse MATTHEW 21:42b

Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: ST. MATTHEW 22:34-46

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

38 This is the great and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Choir: "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"

Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

Lord, You can help when earthly armor fails us;
Lord, You can save when deadly sin assails us;
And in the day when hell itself appals us,
Grant us Your peace, Lord.

Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,
Peace in Your heaven.

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: 730 ss. 1-4

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my Treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shalt be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill it coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:

My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my
pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

The Sermon: Old Ground, A Reality Check on “The Now,”
and The Way It will Be I THESS. 2:1-6a

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: 733 ss 1-6

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

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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