

## Divine Service Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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)

### Opening Hymn: 544 ss. 1-7

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2. He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame  
And to this world Himself He came.

3. For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore,  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought;  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself, but us.

5. For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death,  
For us He gave His dying breath.

6. For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here,  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7. All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;

The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

### Invocation

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

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.

### Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned  
against you in thought, word, and deed, by  
what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved you with our whole  
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We justly deserve your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew  
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your  
will and walk in your ways to the glory of your  
holy name. Amen.

### 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. 143:9, 1-2

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

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.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge.

## The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity  
of all let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

**Choir:** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" ss. 1-3 & 5

1. Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of  
creation,

The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.

With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur  
stills: To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is  
keeping,

By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.

Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good  
and right: To God all praise and glory!

3. We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear  
us.

Our savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer  
us.

For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all  
adored: To God all praise and glory!

5. All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise  
and glory.

Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.

Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness,  
hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of  
persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may  
obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

**The Old Testament Reading:** ISAIAH 5:1-7

1 Let me sing for my beloved

my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

2 He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

and he looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
4 What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
5 And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
6 I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

**Gradual:** PSALM 34:9, 19

9 Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing  
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**The Epistle:** PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

4b If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the  
flesh, I have more:  
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the  
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a

Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness  
under the law, blameless.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of  
Christ.

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing  
worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have  
suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in  
order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own  
that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in  
Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and  
may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection  
from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already  
perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus  
has made me his own.

13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But  
one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining  
forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call  
of God in Christ Jesus.

**Verse:** MATTHEW 6:14

Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly  
Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel:** ST. MATTHEW 21:33-46

33 “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house  
who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a  
winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and  
went into another country.

34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to  
the tenants to get his fruit.

35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed  
another, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'

39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

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

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

### **The Sermon Hymn:** 610 ss. 1-5

1. Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery O be my Health and Life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

5. Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

**The Sermon:** "If a Song Were Sung Today,  
What Would It Say?" ISAIAH 5:1-7

### **The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 646 ss. 1-4

1 Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits, grace which meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness into his most marv'lous light;  
brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heav'n above.  
Let his love flow out to others, let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service sing his praise, his love declare.

## **The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

### **The Collect for the Word**

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

### **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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