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The Second Sunday after Pentecost (VBS Sunday)

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Prelude

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:6–10

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God is a friend who loves.

The Story of Jonah

Song

“I Have a Friend”

♪ I have a friend who loves me, who loves me, who loves me, I have a friend who loves me,
And Jesus is his name. I have a friend who loves me, Who loves me, who loves me,
I have a friend who loves me, And Jesus is his name.

♪ He loves me; he loves me; He loves me with such tender love.
He loves me; he loves me; And Jesus is his name.

♪ Yo tengo un amigo que me ama; me ama; me ama.
Yo tengo un amigo que me ama; Su nombre es Jesus. Que me ama; me ama; me ama;
Con tierno amor. Me ama; me ama; Su nombre es Jesus.

♪ I have a friend...

The Epistle

Hebrew 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God is a friend we can trust.

Jesus Calms the Storm

Song

“A Friend We Can Trust”

- ♪ God, God give us peace in the trouble. We struggle, he’s there for us.
God, God is a Father who loves us, A friend when we need him.
Our God is a friend we can trust. God, God gives us peace...
- ♪ We’ve all been let down. We’ve all had a storm. Everybody’s had some hard times.
If you’re hurtin’ now, If the thunder’s loud, You need a friend who sticks by your side.
You’ve got a friend who will always be with you, Calming the winds and the rain.
We’ve all been let down. We’ve all had a storm. But only one friend is the way. God gives...
- ♪ Lift your hands ‘cause we can trust him. God is a friend we can trust.... God gives us...

Holy Gospel

John 11:25–26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

God is a friend forever.

Mary Magdalene

Song

“Forever God, Forever Love”

- ~Can you feel it in your heart, Deep down in your soul?
Let the love of God Move you, change you.
Raise your eyes to see The one who gave us all so much, Forever God, forever love.
- ♪ Praise the living God. He is here, and he is real. Worship him together, worship him forever.
Look at what he’s done. He gave it all for us. ~Can you feel it...
- ♪ You will live forever, Loving us forever. You will live forever. God, you are great.
You will live forever, Loving us forever. You will live forever. God, you are great. ~Can....

Offering and Musical Offering

Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:3

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

- ♪ Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
~Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- ♪ Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. ~Jesus is...
- ♪ City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and arch-angels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! ~Jesus is....

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“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

- ♪ Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!
- ♪ Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- ♪ O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer Through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- ♪ Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Song *Please Be Seated*

“Thanks God”

- ♪ Thanks, God, for all the good things you do Thanks, God, you’re my light and my truth!
Thanks, God, for the good things you’ve made Thanks, God, for this heart that was saved!
Ohh, Thanks, God!
- ♪ All the waves when they crash, when they roar, So fun to ride one up to the shore.
Thanks, God!
All the wonders under the deep. Down to the bottom where I’ll never reach,
Thanks, God! Thanks, God!
- ♪ Oh, that you love me. I’m so amazed Makes me want to say: Thanks, God, for all...
- ♪ I’m diving into your love, Watch me, here I, I come.
I’m diving into your love, Watch me, here I, I come! Thanks, God, for all....

Postlude