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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Amazing Grace”

- ♪ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- ♪ The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- ♪ Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- ♪ Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.
- ♪ When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

*Psalms 14:1*

*A Time of Silence*

Holy and gracious God,

**We confess that we have sinned against You this day. Some of our sin we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask for forgiveness. Deliver and restore us that our hearts may know Your peace.**

By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Please Be Seated*

Isaiah 29:11–19

<sup>11</sup>And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker,  
“He did not make me”;

or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle**

Ephesians 5:22–33

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

- ♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- ♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- ♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- ♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Mark 7:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ““This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” <sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

## Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

“Just As I Am without One Plea”

- ♪ Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- ♪ Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- ♪ Just as I am, though tossed about With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- ♪ Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- ♪ Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- ♪ Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Where Were You Yesterday?”

Isaiah 29:11–19

## Offering and Musical Offering

**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

In Your mercy,

- ♪ **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

- ♪ Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- ♪ Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- ♪ Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- ♪ Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- ♪ When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- ♪ Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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## Postlude