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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Blessed Assurance”

♪ Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

~This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

♪ Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of glory now burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. ~This is...

♪ Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. ~This is....

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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

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

Who greatly delights in His commandments!

Psalms 112:1

Blessed be our God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

A Time of Silence

Holy and merciful Lord,

We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

Philippians 1:6

And also with you.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

- ♪ Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- ♪ Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.
- ♪ Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- ♪ To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

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Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!
¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.
¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of

you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

♪ Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

♪ Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

♪ Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power all power, surely is Thine! Touch m and heal me, Savior divine!

♪ Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Mark 10:17–22

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

♪ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

♪ Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

♪ Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

♪ Make me to walk in Thy commands- 'Tis a delightful road-
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Have You Lost Your Confidence?”

Hebrews 3:12–14

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God of hope, Your people cry to You because You have promised to have mercy upon us. Grant to us wisdom to hear the voice of Your commands and faith to grasp hold of the voice of Your promises in Christ, that abiding in Him we may be saved and be brought to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God of hope, keep us from trusting in our own works or merits and open our hearts to the voice of Your Word. Bless those who preach Your Word to us and those who serve us for the sake of Christ, that we may walk in Christ and not fall away because of unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God of hope, encourage us in time of trial, strengthen us before temptation, and humble us against pride and arrogance, that we may rejoice in Christ and fulfill our baptismal calling to die to sin and rise to holiness of life and speech, glorifying You in all we say, think, and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God of hope, help us to live amid the war, violence, hate, and injustice of the world without becoming like it; guard those who govern in this and every land, that listening to Your voice, they may labor for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Special Intercessions

Lord God of hope, with mercies new every morning, You continue to bless and sustain us; give us generous hearts that we may supply what is needed for Your church and the work of Your kingdom and share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God of hope, give Your blessing to the schools where our children learn and make those who teach faithful in their calling, that we may learn what is good, right, and true according to Your Word, and be kept in this faith until the day of Christ's return in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God of hope, we recall the saints who lived and died in Christ and we pray You to bring us with them to the day when all shall be complete and we shall be Yours together, no more divided by time and space but one in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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*

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

- ♪ I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my name and still provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- ♪ Day by day at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay,
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- ♪ Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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Postlude