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Twenty-Second after Pentecost Sunday

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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

When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves, God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest. When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea, they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy. When there was no way out for us because of our sin, God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope. *A Time of Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

And we see things from a limited human perspective.

You are omniscient, knowing all;

We are but mortal.

In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.

Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.

When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

And You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.

Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.

When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.

We need rest from our enemies,

From the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.

Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,

For the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.

I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?

Yes, it is my sincere confession.

Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“This Is the Feast”

~This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

♪ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God. ~This is the feast...

♪ Power, riches, wisdom and strength,

And honor, blessing, and glory are His. ~This is the feast...

♪ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

~This is the feast...

♪ For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. ~This is the feast....

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Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember

the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–16

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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.

Gradual Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

♪ Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

♪ Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

♪ Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.

Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

♪ Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;

Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Mark 10:23–31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

- ♪ I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home; Earth is a desert drear,
Heav’n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev’ry hand;
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav’n is my home; And time’s wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ Therefore I murmur not, Heav’n is my home; Whate’er my earthly lot,
Heav’n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord’s right hand;
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.

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Proclamation of the Word

“I Must Be in Front Row!?”

Mark 10:23–31

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn *Music: "Joyful, Joyful" Hymn 803*

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of pow'r and might adored;
Heav'n and earth proclaim Your glory, Sing hosanna to the Lord.
Blest is He who come to us in the name of the Lord our God.
Sing hosanna in the highest, Sing hosanna, bless His name!

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei *Music: "Joyful, Joyful" Hymn 803*

♪ Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, You take away the world's sin.
Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, You take away the world's sin.
Grant us peace and grant us mercy. Bless Your children with Your grace.
Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, You take away the world's sin.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"Your Table I Approach"

♪ Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

♪ Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

♪ Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

♪ Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

♪ O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

♪ Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God my peace and light.

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

O Lord,
According to Your will, 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.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- ♪ May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
- ♪ Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
- ♪ To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angel's work below.
- ♪ The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- ♪ And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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Postlude