

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024

*“Let Them Come!”*

## THE WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN #793 *“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*(please stand)*

## THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

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

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

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

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

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

### THE INTROIT OF THE DAY Psalm 127:3-5; Antiphon: Psalm 127:1a

P: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**C: Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.**

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

**C: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!**

P: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**C: 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.**

**Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE #791 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE Hebrews 2:1-13 (ESV)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet" [*Psalm 8:4-6*]. Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise" [*Psalm 22:22*]. And again, "I will put my trust in Him" [*2 Samuel 22:3*]. And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given Me" [*Isaiah 8:17-18*].

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

**THE VERSE** *(sung) (page 205)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 10:13-16 (ESV)

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

They were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY #863 "Our Father, by Whose Name"



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -  
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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## THE SERMON "Let Them Come!" Text: Mark 10:13-16

### THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS "Baptized into Your Name" (#590, verse 4)

**All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.**

*(please stand)*

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Let us pray to the Lord," "Lord, have mercy.")*

#### THE PREFACE *(responses are spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**P:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray . . .

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(please be seated)*

### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### #623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

## #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## #770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

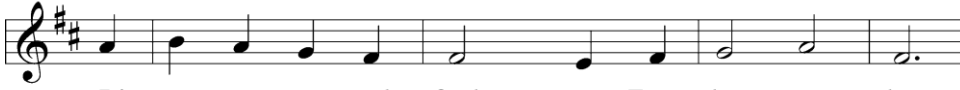


All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

## #722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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*(please stand)*

### THE DISMISSAL

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C:** Amen.

### THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Father in heaven, we give You thanks and praise that You have rescued Your children through Your Son and restored Your family through forgiveness. Give us grace to both ask forgiveness and to forgive as You have forgiven us, that our earthly families may be rescued from sin, restored to love and unity, and kept strong in Christ all the days of our lives; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS