

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN LS179 and ELW #858 “Hallelujah/Praise Ye The Lord” - into
“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” - vs. 1 & 4 *(medley)*
(Left side sings first line, and right side sings echo)

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Echo: Praise ye the Lord!
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Praise ye the Lord! Echo: Hallelujah!
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Praise ye the Lord! Echo: Hallelujah!
 ALL: Praise ye the Lord!

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
 joining in glad adoration!

- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again.
 Gladly forever adore him!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96:1-13

Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations
 and God's wonders among all peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder
and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

**You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you,
let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you,
let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #646- vs. 1, 2 "The Peace of The Lord"

- 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
- 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.
The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

Pastor Donald

HYMN OF DAY ELW #731- vs. 1, 2, 5 “Earth and All Stars”

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! ***To Refrain***

Refrain: **God has done marvelous things.**
 I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! ***To Refrain***

- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! ***To Refrain***

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Responses: Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN "As the Deer"

Verse 1: As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

**You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

Verse 2: You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Chorus

**You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

Verse 3: I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye

Chorus.

**You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, **you send rain and
the earth springs forth abundantly.**
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.

**Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING {p. 144}

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION & SONG ELW #471 "Let Us Break Bread Together" and
ELW #472 "Eat This Bread"

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. **To Refrain**

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. **To Refrain**

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, **with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.**
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lords' face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *(sign of the cross)*
Amen.

SENDING HYMN "We Shall Go Out With Joy" *(sing 3x)*

(Verse)

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

(Chorus)

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**