

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Our mission: "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen**

☞ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

HYMN Take Up Your Cross, the Savior SaidLBW 398

THE FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, “I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
“Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
“Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69 (*read responsively*)

⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰**When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.**

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

¹²**I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

¹⁴**rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul

and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

☐ The Gospel of our Lord.

☒ **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope we affirm our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of health and wholeness, continue to offer your peace and presence to those individuals and families who are victims of COVID-19, as well as Liz, Grace, Diane, Ruth, Vanessa, Gary, Paul, Bob, Doris, Charles, Jerry, Gladys, Randy, Patricia, Diane, Joann, Richard, Ashton, Pr. Frank Showers, Lucille, April, Lenny, Gary, Esteban, Susan, Elsie, Virginia, and Francis. Minister to caregivers and health professionals who seek to minister unto others. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died especially Onesimos Nesib, translator and evangelist, increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God. **G** **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray, Our Father...

OUR 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the Father, † God, the Son,
and God, the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

G **Amen**

HYMN Our Father, by Whose Name.....LBW 357

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

G **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



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