

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 11

A God of Hope

July 19, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.

### GATHERING SONG

All Who Are Thirsty

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##### Verse

All who are thirsty all who are weak  
Come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep (we sing)

##### Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come (3X)  
Come Lord Jesus come

##### Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come (3X)  
Holy Spirit come

##### Interlude

As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

##### Ending

Come Lord Jesus come

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

People: **You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

### *Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Lord of mercy,

People: **we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### *Silence for meditation*

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## WORSHIP SONGS

Hosanna & Your Love Oh Lord

### **Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

#### **Verse 1**

*Praise is rising eyes are turning to You we turn to You  
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You we long for you*

#### **Pre-Chorus**

*'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away*

#### **Chorus**

*Hosanna, hosanna  
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, hosanna*

**Verse 2**

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to You we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new You make us new*

**Ending**

*Hosanna, hosanna*

**Your Love O Lord****Verse**

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

**Chorus**

I will lift my voice  
To worship You my King  
I will find my strength  
In the shadow of Your wings

**Ending**

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

**EPISTLE**

Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to

him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## **SERMON**

*Stand*

**Living with Hope**

## **CREED**

*Apostles' Creed*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [names, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.  
**People: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**People: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

## **SENDING SONG**

Beautiful One

### ***Beautiful One***

#### ***Verse 1***

*Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard no heart could fully know  
How glorious how beautiful You are*

#### ***Chorus***

*Beautiful One I love You beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing*

#### ***Verse 2***

*Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous how wonderful You are*

#### ***Bridge 1***

*My soul, my soul must sing, my soul, my soul must sing  
My soul, my soul, must sing beautiful One*