TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 14

Who Is This Jesus?

August 9, 2020

**AS WE GATHER**

Sometimes in our busy lives, we might forget who Jesus *was*, and who He *is* in our lives. In our anxiety, we forget to call on Him and we begin to sink. But God reminds us that He laid the foundation of the earth… He put the seas in their place...He commanded the mornings since days began. (Job 38) As we hear those truths about the power of God, we join the Psalmist who says, “In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.” The Lord hears the cries of His righteous ones.

**GATHERING SONG** O’ Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself?

Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes

Come today, there's no reason to wait

Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes, a new life is born

Jesus is calling

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood!...

Oh what a Savior

Isn't He wonderful?

Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him

For He is Lord of all

Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ!...

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ!

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His   
 gracious forgiveness.

**People: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and   
before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by   
deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all   
our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority,   
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the   
Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**EPISTLE**  Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**  Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;

He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine!

**SERMON**  "Boat Stories"

**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: Lord, you have promised that when we call, you will answer. So hear us   
 now as we pray for your Church, and for all people.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. We ask for   
 your protection, your confidence and your courage as they care for their   
 neighbors. Remind us all of our baptisms and Your ever-present Spirit.   
 Allow us grace upon grace so that we can bring hope to everyone we   
 meet. Lord in your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, we give you thanks for the blessing it is to live here in this place   
 called Anaheim. And we thank you for the leaders and public servants  
 in our city, our state, our nation and our world. Grant them strength,   
 humility, wisdom and compassion. Strengthen us too Lord to be good and   
 generous citizens – always living for you. Lord in your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Father, we ask your blessing on our meeting later today. Guide our   
 hearts and minds and our plans so that our attention will first be directed   
 to those in Anaheim who do not know your Son and His mercy. We also   
 pray that our congregation’s volunteers, our teachers, and our next pastor   
 would hear your call to faithful service. Lord in your mercy,   
**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: We lift up prayers Lord, for those in our church who are in need. Hear our   
 prayers and their prayers. We name before you … According to your will,   
 grant them and those that care for them strength and perseverance. Lord   
 in your Mercy,   
**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: We give you thanks Lord, for those in our church who are celebrating   
 birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for the gift of life and for the   
 example they are to us all. Encourage us, by their example to give our   
 lives to you. Lord in your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Dear Jesus, we thank you for calling us to be people of faith. You have   
 called us into One body & One Spirit. Our desire is that we trust in you   
 above all things. Strengthen our desire so that, together, we live a life   
 worthy of the calling we have received. We pray all this in the name of   
 Jesus who taught us to pray:

**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** Here is Our King

From wherever spring arrives

To heal the ground

From wherever searching comes the look itself

A trace of what we're looking for

So be quiet now and wait

The ocean is growing

The tide is coming in

Here it is

Here is our king, here is our love

Here is our God Who's come

To bring us back to him

He is the one, he is Jesus, Jesus

And what was said to the rose

To make it unfold

Was said to me here in my chest

So be quiet now and rest

The ocean is growing

The tide is coming in

Here it is

Here is our king, here is our love

Here is our God Who's come

To bring us back to him

He is the one, he is Jesus, Jesus

Majesty, finally

Majesty, finally here

Here is our king, here is our love

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