

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Lord Reign in Me**

Over all the earth you reign on high  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord, my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me, reign in your power  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So, won't You reign in me again  
Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So, won't You reign in me again

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**You Led Me to the Cross**

You led me to the cross  
And I saw the face of mercy  
In that place of love  
You opened up my eyes  
To believe your sweet salvation  
Where I'd been so blind  
Now that I'm living  
In your all forgiving love  
My every road leads to the cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
I won't forget the love you've shown  
Savior, teach me of the cross  
I won't forget the love  
I won't forget the love you've shown

And there's an empty tomb  
That tells me of your resurrection  
And my life in you  
The stone lies rolled away  
Nothing but those folded grave clothes  
Where your body lay  
Now that I'm living  
As a risen child of God  
My every road leads to the cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
I won't forget the love you've shown  
Savior, teach me of the cross  
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**Prayer**

**Gathering Song: LBW 405 Lord of Light**

Lord of light, your name outshining  
All the stars and suns of space,  
Use our talents in your kingdom  
As the servants of your grace;  
Use us to fulfill your purpose  
In the gift of Christ your Son:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers  
In some far outlying field,  
By the courage where the radiance  
Of the cross is still revealed,

By the victories of meekness,  
Through reproach and suffering won:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,  
At your feet may lowly kneel;  
With your grace our triumphs hallow,  
With your charity our zeal;  
Lift the nations from the shadows  
To the gladness of the sun:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers,  
Never silent day or night;  
By the cross of Jesus, bringing  
Peace to all and healing light;  
By the love that passes knowledge,

Making all your children one:  
Father, as in highest heaven,  
So on earth your will be done.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and in newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

Apostolic Blessing:

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

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 1, page 57

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God” LBW setting 1, page 58

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Righteous God,

**C: our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Lessons:

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

- <sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.
- <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”
- <sup>13</sup> Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.
- <sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.
- <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.
- <sup>17</sup> I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.
- <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! (see above) <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 1, page 63

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with

the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: “Entrusted Servants”

**Message Hymn: WOV 649 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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**Apostles’ Creed**

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

**Praise Song: It is You**

As we lift up our hands,  
Will You meet us here?  
As we call on Your name,  
Will You meet us here?  
We have come to this place  
to worship You.  
God of mercy and grace,

It is You we adore,  
It is You praises are for,  
Only You, the heavens declare,  
It is You, it is You.

And holy holy is our God Almighty  
And holy holy is His name alone, yeah!

And holy holy is our God Almighty  
And holy holy is His name alone.

It is You we adore  
It is You, only You

As we lift up our hands,  
Will You meet us here?  
As we call on Your name,  
Will You meet us here?  
We have come to this place  
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God of mercy and grace,  
It is You we adore,  
It is You praises are for,  
Only You, the heavens declare,  
It is You, it is You.

And holy holy is our God Almighty  
And holy holy is His name alone, yeah!  
And holy holy is our God Almighty  
And holy holy is His name alone.

As we lift up our hands,  
As we call on Your name,  
Will you meet us in this place  
By your mercy and grace?  
As we lift up our hands,  
As we call on Your name,  
Will you meet us in this place  
By your mercy and grace?

It is You we adore  
It is You, it is you.

And holy holy is our God Almighty  
And holy holy is His name alone, yeah!  
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It is You we adore  
It is You praises are for  
Only you the heavens declare,  
It is You, it is You.

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#### Passing of the Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

#### Offertory: **LBW 565 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

#### Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

#### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

Closing Song: **In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Sending

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Share the joy of Christ.

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**