

**Sunday, October 10, 2021 10am**  
**Time After Pentecost Lectionary 28**  
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**Prelude**

"It is Well with My Soul"  
"Be the Center"

**Gathering**

[Pastor] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen**

[Assistant] Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen**

[Pastor] All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen**

**Entrance Hymn**

"Lord of Light" – ELW 688 Hymn

**Greeting**

[Pastor]: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

[Assistant] Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## **Word**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word:**

[Pastor] Holy God,  
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,  
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,  
your living Word undergirds all that lives.  
We praise your eternal Word.

**We praise your eternal Word.**

In the words of the scriptures you offer us Christ:  
our refuge, our savior, our friend,  
accompanying us throughout our years  
and renewing us in love.

We praise Jesus, your Word.

**We praise Jesus, your Word.**

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.  
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,  
in devotion to your Word,  
and in service to others.

We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

**We pray for the Spirit of your Word.**

To you be honor and praise and glory, today and forever.

**Amen**

## **First Reading**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

<sup>1</sup>Job answered [his friend:]

<sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
[God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!

<sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.  
<sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
<sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
<sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.  
  
<sup>8</sup>"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
<sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
<sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:1-15**

READ RESPONSIVELY

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?  
<sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.**  
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.**  
<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.  
<sup>8</sup>**"Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;**

**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of  
my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Verse**

"Word Of God, Come Down On Earth" ELW 510 verse 1

## **Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ**

**Children's Moment/Noisy Offering**

Pastor John Woods

**Sermon**

Pastor John Woods

**Hymn of the Day**

"You are my All in All" - Praise Band

## **THE CREED**

[Assistant] Let us profess our faith, using the words of the 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 the Church**

[Assistant] Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We pray especially for Mission Lexington, its clients, and all the workers who give of their time and effort to help people in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **We Share God's Peace**

[Assistant] The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you.**

Let us share signs of peace with one another by waving greetings to each other, as we remain in place.

### **Offering Verse**

"Sing To The Lord of Harvest" ELW 694 verse 2

### **Offering Prayer**

[Assistant] God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

[Pastor] 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 our thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy God,  
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**



## **The Lord's Prayer**

[Pastor] Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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**

## **Invitation to Communion**

[Pastor] All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## **Distribution of Communion**

"Step by Step" & "Cornerstone" –  
Praise Band

## **Blessing after Communion**

[Pastor] The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen**

## **Prayer after Communion**

[Assistant] Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

[Pastor] People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" – ELW 705 Hymn

## **Dismissal**

[Assistant] Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

"How Great Thou Art"

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