

DAYS OF PENTECOST

July 12, 2020

8:15 a.m.

PRELUDE “Italian Hymn (Come, Thou Almighty King)” Carla Barrows, Organ
by Albert L. Travis

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LSB 802, vs. 1, 2, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGIsaiah 55:10-13

R The Old Testament Reading is from the 55th Chapter of Isaiah.

R ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGRomans 8:12-17

R The New Testament Reading is from the 8th Chapter of Romans.

R ¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Matt Meier

MESSAGE "Message - God's Blessing - Isaiah 55, Pastor Donald Black
Usage - Our Challenge - Matthew 13"

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org or by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007.)

MUSICAL OFFERING “By Faith” by Townend/Getty Soloist - Shawn Ullmann

*By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.*

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;
‘til the race is finished and the work is done we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives, and to preach good news in ev’ry corner of the earth.*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.*

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;
‘til the race is finished and the work is done we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;
‘til the race is finished and the work is done we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We’ll walk by faith, and not by sight. We’ll walk by faith!*

PRAYERS

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.

BENEDICTION

℟ 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.

☩ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

POSTLUDE. "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. by Paul Manz. . . Carla Barrows, Organ

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