

The Days of Pentecost
“Parables: Small Stories...Big Ideas”
October 11, 2020

PRELUDE “Darwall’s 148th” setting by Jeffrey Blersch Carla Barrows, Organ

WELCOME Pastor Vince Parks

OPENING HYMN “Come Let Us Praise the Lord” vs. 1, 3, 4

ALL: Come, let us praise the Lord, With joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad And bless His saving name.
Lift high your songs Before His throne
To whom alone All praise belongs.

SOLO: *In worship bow the knee, Our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, He, The Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: His flock He feeds
And gently leads In pastures green.*

ALL: Come, hear His voice today, Receive what love imparts;
His holy will obey And harden not your hearts.
His ways are best And lead at last,
All troubles past, To perfect rest.

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** Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 25:6-9

- R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 25th Chapter of Isaiah.
- R** ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- ⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
- ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” (ESV)
- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READINGPhilippians 4:4-13

- R** The Epistle Reading is from the 4th Chapter of Philippians.
- R** ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (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 GOSPELMatthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

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

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.” (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 Haley Davisson

MESSAGEPastor Vince Parks

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING “This Day” by Bob Chilcott. Anna Diemer, Soloist

*This day will you strengthen us. This day will you bless us.
This day will you lift us, visit us for good.
This day inscribe us for a happy, happy life.*

*This day hear our cry. This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour.
This day support us with your righteous hand.
This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour, This day, this day.
This day will you strengthen us. This day will you bless us.
This day will you lift us, visit us for good.
This day inscribe us for a happy, happy life. This day hear our cry.*

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 "Irish Blessing" by Bob Chilcott. Anna Diemer, Soloist

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you, may God hold you,
Ever in the palm of His hand.*

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you, may God hold you,
Ever in the palm of His hand,
Ever in the palm of His hand,
The palm of His hand.*

CLOSING HYMN. "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" vs. 1, 3, 4

ALL: The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

SOLO: *We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.*

ALL: Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

POSTLUDE. "Blessed Be the Lord" by David Paxton. Carla Barrows, Organ

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