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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

Matins

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living – Mark Knickelbein

Opening Hymn

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

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Stand

L O Lord, open my lips,



and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



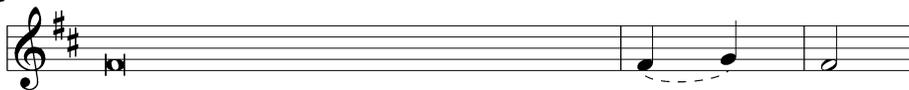
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

L Glorious is God with His angels and saints.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

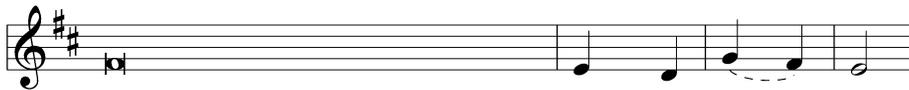


C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,

2 For the Lord is a great God

3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

2 and a great king a - bove all gods.

3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,

2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

3 O come, let us worship and bow down,

4 For He is our God,

5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.

3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.

4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

L Glorious is God with His angels and saints.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C and on his law he meditates day and night.

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C In all that he does, he prospers.

P The wicked are not so,

C but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
P for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Sit

Office Hymn

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them,

"How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet?"

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Responsory

LSB 221

L Oh fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!
C **Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.**
L Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me!
C **Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.**

Sermon

"What Does It Mean To Love" (Matthew 22:34-40)

Stand

Benedictus

LSB 238



Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.



He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers

and to re-mem-ber His ho-ly cov-e-nant.

This was the oath He swore to our fa-ther A-bra-ham:

to set us free from the hands of our en-e-mies,

free to wor-ship Him with-out fear, ho-ly and

righ-teous in His sight all the days of our life.

[L] You, my child, shall be called the proph-et of the Most High,

for you will go be-fore the Lord to pre-pare His way,

to give His peo-ple knowl-edge of sal-va-tion by the for-give-ness

of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break up-on us

to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death

and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the

Ho-ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,

is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Sit

Offering

**654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure
(October hymn of the month)**

1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,
2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er
3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing

My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.
Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.
Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;

Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,
Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour,
But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing

Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.
En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.
The weeds that im - per - il Your own.

Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it
Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,
Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing

To val - ue this trea - sure a - right
Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,
And har - vest me home - ward at last,

That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,

Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

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Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

- C **Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
 C **And let my cry come to You.**

Various Collects

Collect of the Day

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

- L Let us bless the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 228

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH277 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, — worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my — star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Postlude

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart – Johann G. Walther

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by the Carmen Nieting family in memory of husband and father Robert.

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