

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

**The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Atonement**



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Order of Service for

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✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

284 - How Precious Is the Book Divine



1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By  
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our  
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And  
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of



in - spi - ra - tion giv'n! Bright as a lamp its  
gloom - y world to cheer, Dis - plays a Sav - ior's  
where our feet have trod But brings to view the  
life shall guide our way Till we be - hold the



doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.  
bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.  
match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.  
clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.  
Tune: WALDER (CM) Johann J. Walder, 1750–1817.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

With a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

### **LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)**

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second line contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

### **ABSOLUTION**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody for the word 'Amen'.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!**

**Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,**

**While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder. (221:3,4)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray. O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.



✘ **The Word** ✘

## FIRST LESSON

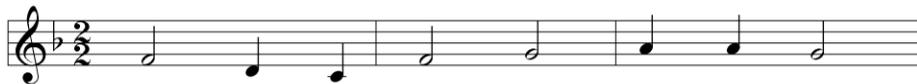
Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

*Moses proclaimed the Word that gives both promise and warning.*

DEUTERONOMY 11:18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup>Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup>so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

<sup>26</sup>See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse-- <sup>27</sup>the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; <sup>28</sup>the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

## PSALM 78



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds  
 2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known,  
 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons  
 4 Oh, teach them with all dil - i - gence  
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone



Which God per - formed of old,  
 His works of pow'r and grace,  
 And they a - gain to theirs  
 The truths of God's own Word,  
 Their hope se - cure - ly stands,



Which in our young - er years we saw,  
 And we'll con - vey his won - ders down  
 That gen - er - a - tions yet un - born  
 To place in him their con - fi - dence,  
 That they may ne'er for - get his works,



And which our fa - thers told.  
 Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
 May teach them to their heirs.  
 To fear and trust their Lord,  
 But walk in his com - mands.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:21-25a, 27,28

*Only through Christ's cross can both warning and promise (Law and Gospel) be upheld.*

ROMANS 3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.<sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.<sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith.<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15-29

*Jesus gives a reason so few will find the narrow road: the deceptions of false teachers. True ministers of the Word proclaim the truth and put Christ's words into practice.*

MATTHEW 7:15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

# The Apostles' Creed

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

401 – Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -  
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal  
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne  
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid  
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all  
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,  
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none  
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths  
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.  
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
 like mine Would have been all too few.  
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

*Refrain*



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.  
 Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

✠ **Sermon** ✠

Romans 3:21-25a, 27,28

**The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Atonement**

✠ **Praise and Prayers** ✠

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Brief silence*

For the Church and her witness of hope to the world, that in every city, village and home across the globe the voice of the Lord may be heard by the faithful preaching of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor in the fields of the Lord today and for the Lord to raise up laborers for His harvest fields, that their work may be blessed and they may be protected and defended against the enemies of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live under the flag of our nation, for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honorably and in accord with His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, and the oppressed, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, that the Lord would grant them healing; for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole; and for the grieving, that the Lord would comfort them, especially all affected by the ongoing pandemic and its effects, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who know the riches of the Lord's blessings, that they may cheerfully return to the Lord the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and give generously to the many agencies of the Church working to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying, that they may have peace at the last; and for our grateful remembrance of all those who have died in Christ, that in the fullness of time the Lord may bring us with them into His everlasting presence where sin and death will trouble us no more, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O blessed Lord, through Moses You called a people to Yourself and from them You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins, and by His resurrection He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**





1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood  
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,  
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,  
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the  
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could  
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the  
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.  
 foun - tain fly - Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.  
 Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

## SENDING PRAYER

**M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

326 – May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the  
 2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each  
 3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's  
 oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -  
 praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.  
 mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.  
 Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.  
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 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

*After worship, please feel free to greet your neighbors OUTSIDE,  
 keeping in mind the social distancing recommendations of six feet spacing.*