

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

**The Parable of the Two Sons:  
God Wants Real Repentance and True Obedience**

With  
Contrite  
Hearts



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# Order of Service for NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Common Service**

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## OPENING HYMN

339 – Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -  
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,  
en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come  
Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er  
o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from  
And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -  
A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be  
When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious  
got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture  
asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we  
gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.  
 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

## INVOCATION

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



**Congregation** A - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near 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.



<sup>3</sup> “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son--both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup> “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup> If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. <sup>27</sup> But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. <sup>28</sup> Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup> Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

## SECOND LESSON

## Philippians 2:1-11

*Repentance in the heart leads to an entirely new attitude.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death--  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 21:28-32**

*Jesus teaches repentance and underscores its benefits in the parable of the two sons.*

MATTHEW 21:28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

<sup>29</sup> “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup> “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”  
“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

## 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## 307 – Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God



1 Won - drous are your ways, O God! No one can es -  
2 Search me, God, and know my heart, Lord of truth and



cape you! Far - thest space nor great - est depth Can - not  
mer - cy. From a - far, O Lord, you know All my



hide me from you! Long be - fore I came to birth,  
thoughts, my se - crets. And if an - y wick - ed way



Your eye saw and knew me. E - ven in life's  
Should be found with - in me, Cleanse, for - give me



dark - est hour In your hand you hold me.  
by your grace; By your Spir - it guide me.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–90, st. 1, alt.; Claus A. Wendell, 1866–1950, st. 2, alt.  
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Tune: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN (76 76 D Trochaic) Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615, alt.

✘ **Sermon** ✘

Matthew 21:28-32

**The Parable of the Two Sons**

✘ **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

Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, for the leaders of the Church, for all pastors and missionaries, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts, that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces, and for all of us as citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dawn of God's eternal day, for an end to death and sorrow, for the comfort of those who grieve, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and for the strength of those facing death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom in this place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace, that we may hear and heed the invitation of our Lord and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of His righteousness: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ and to fill us with contentment, that trusting in Your gracious will for all things, our hearts may enjoy perfect rest and peace; through Jesus Christ, 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.**

## SERMON HYMN

308 - As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I  
2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What  
5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But  
forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -  
tru - ly par - don and ac - quit; And  
you will loose, that shall be free; Un -  
his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -  
stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who  
those whose sins you do re - tain Con -  
to my Church the keys are giv'n To  
min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."  
will re - pent of sin - ful ways.  
demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
op'n and close the gates of heav'n."  
but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, 1674–1707.

## 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

### 749 - The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



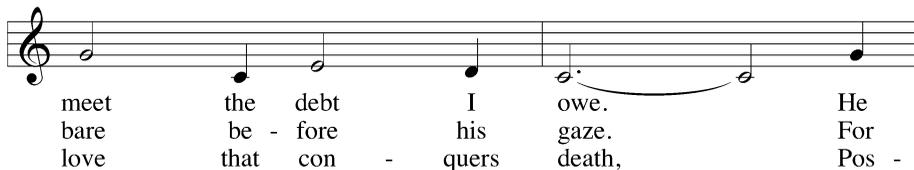
1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



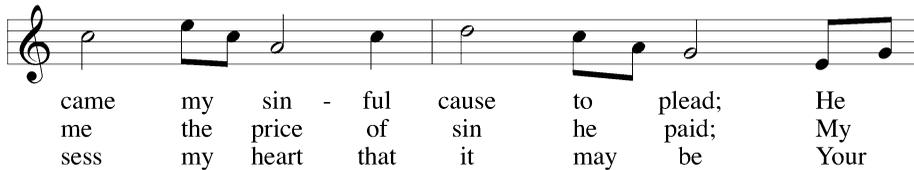
more than mind can know, His  
self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
heav - ens held their breath, To



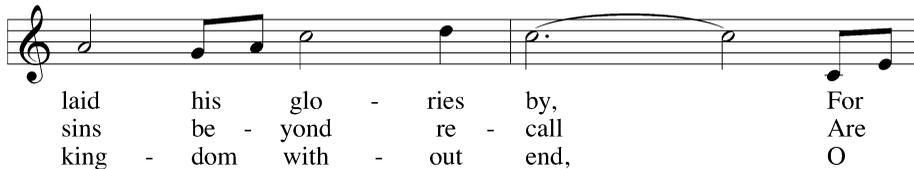
mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



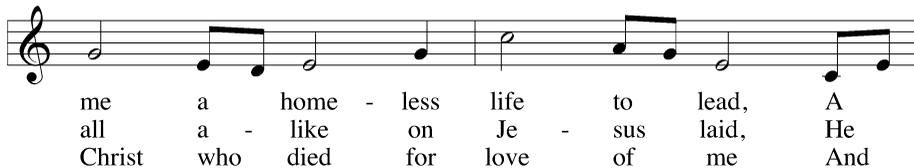
meet the debt I owe. He  
bare be - fore his gaze. For  
love that con - quers death, Pos -



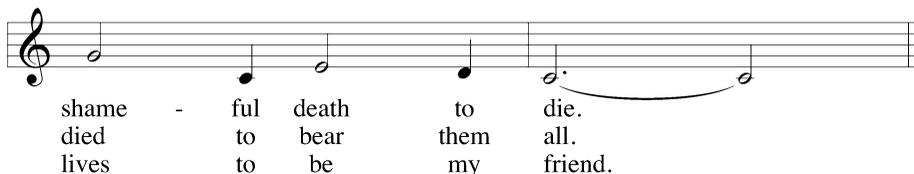
came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
me the price of sin he paid; My  
sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For  
sins be - yond re - call Are  
king - dom with - out end, O



me a home - less life to lead, A  
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
Christ who died for love of me And



shame - ful death to die.  
died to bear them all.  
lives to be my friend.

*This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) A *Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832

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