

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

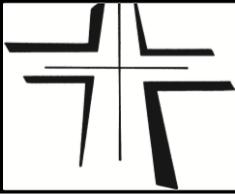
**The Parable of the Tenants –  
God Patiently Seeks Fruits of Faith**



*The Kingdom of God*  
will be ... given to a people  
*producing its fruits.*

Matthew 21:43, ESV

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# Order of Service for TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Divine Service I with Communion**

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## ✠ Gathering ✠

### OPENING HYMN

### 457 - Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;  
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;  
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.  
Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

## INVOCATION

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

**Congregation** Amen.

**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. A - men.

## 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** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**M** Let us pray. Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

*The parable of the vineyard holds up God's caring actions over against Israel's apathetic behavior.*

ISAIAH 5:1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup> “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

<sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there.  
I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight.  
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

### SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12-21

*Paul models Christian living moved by God's love while also warning against unholy, selfish living.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup> Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



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

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:33-43

*Jesus casts Isaiah's parable into a New Testament setting. God's grace sends his Son; man's defiance rejects him.*

MATTHEW 21:33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

<sup>38</sup> "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

<sup>41</sup> "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes' ?

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



**C** Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

# 281 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -  
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -  
 3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the



chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing  
 last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
 hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing



God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and  
 With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -  
 His own mes-sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is  
 car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from  
 na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -



king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.  
 Light, to earth de-scend-ing— He re - veals our God to us.  
 bides, his Word un-chang-ing, God the first and God the last.

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 Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 21:33-43

## God Is Looking for Real Fruit

## ✠ Praise and Prayers ✠



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

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, deliver Your people by Your power, and grant to us grace sufficient for all our needs and for the needs of all people.

*Brief silence*

Let us pray to the Lord to open the eyes of the blind by the light of His Word and to open the ears of the deaf with the voice of His Gospel, and for the Lord to clear the way for all people to know the riches of His grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord to bless our nation with peace and harmony, and for the Lord to bless our president, governor, all legislators and judges, and those who protect and defend us against all the enemies of our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord to heal the sick, give relief to the suffering, grant comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of those who serve as doctors and nurses, for medical researchers and those who work to end disease, and for those who care for people most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord for those who commune this day, for faith to receive His gifts, and for genuine repentance, that they may receive to their benefit His flesh and blood in this bread and cup. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord for our stewardship of His creation, for our faithful use of all His gifts, and for grateful hearts, that we may honor the Lord with our words and with our works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of His coming again, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, to live in His eternal presence and sing His praise without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**



## ✠ The Sacrament ✠

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### 452 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age  
3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the  
4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his  
Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in  
Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -  
Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.  
 on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
 gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
 thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 There, oh, share thy joy with me.  
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.  
 Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

## ✠ Sending ✠

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**467 – May the Mind of Christ My Savior**



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior Live in  
 2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my  
 3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my  
 4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the  
 5 May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and



me from day to day, By his love and  
 heart from hour to hour, So that all may  
 life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be  
 wa - ters fill the sea, Him ex - alt - ing,  
 brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly



pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.  
 see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r.  
 calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.  
 self a - bas - ing— This is vic - to - ry!  
 un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

6 May his spirit live within me  
 As I seek the lost to win,  
 And may they forget the channel,  
 Seeing only him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859–1928, alt.  
 Tune: ST. LEONARD'S (87 85) A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891–1953.

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