

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 28, 2018

Worship Focus

PSALMthing to Sing About – The Captives Return

Those
who sow in
TEARS
shall reap
with
**SHOUTS
OF JOY!**



Psalm 126:5, ESV

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

753 – Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
And our guilt was crim - son red.
From the Fa - ther and the Son
Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
“To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
When the dark - ness hid your face.
I am ev - er - more with you.”
God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
Praise the first - born from the dead!
Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
By your sav - ing means of grace!
Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

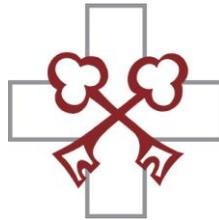
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



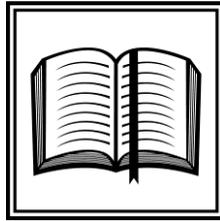
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah describes the true condition of the exiles who would return.

JEREMIAH 31:7 This is what the LORD says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.
Make your praises heard, and say,
‘O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’”

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.

⁹ They will come with weeping;
they will pray as I bring them back.
I will lead them beside streams of water
on a level path where they will not stumble,
because I am Israel's father,
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

PSALM 126

Senior choir

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*When God first brought us back from exile,
We were as dazed as those who dream.
Then were our mouths brimming with laughter;
Joy from our lips gushed like a stream.
The godless cried in envious wonder,
"Look what the Lord has done for them!"
Indeed our God has greatly blessed us;
Rejoice and sing, Jerusalem!*

*Once more, O Lord, restore your people;
Come with your saving help again,
As to the brookbeds in the desert
You bring the sweet, reviving rain.
Let those who sow with tears and sighing
Sing as they reap and joy proclaim:
May those who weep when seed is scattered
Gather their sheaves and praise your name.*



SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:1-10

One and only one offered sufficient payment for our sins.

HEBREWS 5:1 Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

⁴ No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done! (399:2)**

GOSPEL Mark10:46-52

Whether Jesus meets our needs by removing them or by giving us the strength to endure matters little; what matters is that the need brings us to cry out for help that he will give in the best possible way.

MARK 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

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SERMON

Psalm 126

Rejoice, You Fortunate

1. in an effortless release
2. in our ongoing restoration

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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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

425 - Oh, Sing, My Soul, Your Maker's Praises



1 Oh, sing, my soul, your Mak - er's praise, In grate - ful
 2 The Lord is good to those who seek His face in
 3 The Lord will turn his face in peace When trou - bled



hymns as - cend - ing; Whose stead - fast love has crowned your
 time of sor - row, Pro - vid - ing com - fort to the
 souls draw near him; His lov - ing - kind - ness shall not



days With heav'n - ly gifts un - end - ing. I sought the
 weak And grace for each to - mor - row. Though grief may
 cease To those who trust and fear him. Our God will



Lord; he heard my cry; His ho - ly an - gels hov -
 tar - ry for the night, The morn shall break in joy
 not for - sake his own; E - ter - nal is his heav'n -



er nigh The tents of those who love him.
 and light With bless - ings from his pres - ence.
 ly throne; His king - dom stands for - ev - er.

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PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

451 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my

light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

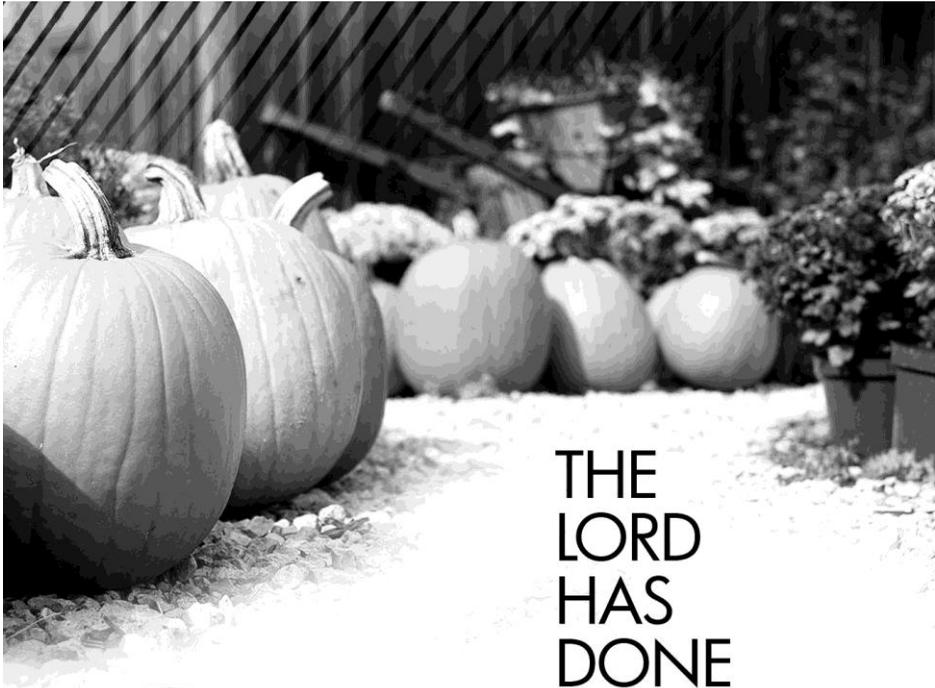
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After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



**JESUS OFFERED UP PRAYERS AND
SUPPLICATIONS, WITH LOUD
CRIES AND TEARS,
TO THE ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO SAVE
HIM FROM DEATH ...**



THE
LORD
HAS
DONE

GREAT THINGS

FOR US, AND WE REJOICED.

PSALM 126:3, NRSV