

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Where God intervenes,
life is restored.



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OPENING HYMN

429 - What God Ordains Is Always Good



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good; His
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good; He
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good; He
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good. Though
5 What God or - dains is al - ways good; This



will is just and ho - ly. As he di - rects my
nev - er will de - ceive me. He leads me in his
is my friend and Fa - ther. He will not let me
I the cup am drink - ing Which sa - vors now of
truth re - mains un - shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or



life for me, I fol - low meek and low - ly. My
right - eous way And nev - er will he leave me. I
suf - fer harm Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now
bit - ter - ness, I take it with - out shrink - ing. For
death be mine, I shall not be for - sak - en. I



God in - deed In ev - 'ry need Knows well how he
take con - tent What he has sent; His hand that sends
I may know Both joy and woe; Some day I shall
af - ter grief God grants re - lief, My heart with com -
fear no harm, For with his arm He will em - brace



will shield me; To him, then, I will yield me.
me sad - ness Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
see clear - ly That he has loved me dear - ly.
fort fill - ing And all my sor - row still - ing.
and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



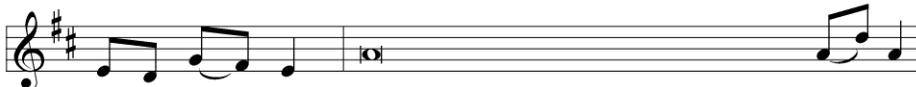
M: Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



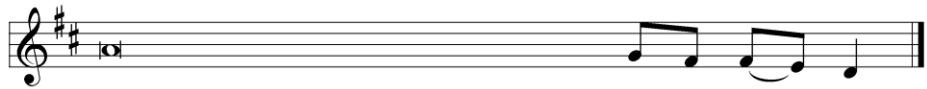
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.





FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:17-24

Elijah brings the widow's son back to life.

¹⁷ 1 KINGS 17:17 Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."



PSALM

Psalm 30

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Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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Sing to the LORD, you | saints of his;*
praise his | holy name.

For his anger lasts only a | moment,*
but his favor lasts a | lifetime;

weeping may remain | for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.

Refrain

To you, O | LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for | mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merci | ful to me;*
O LORD, | be my help.

You turned my wailing into | dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be | silent.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Galatians 1:11-24

Paul recounts his transformation from persecutor to apostle.

GALATIANS 1:11I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. ¹²I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

¹³For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. ²⁰I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²²I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” ²⁴And they praised God because of me.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)

GOSPEL Luke 7:11-17

Jesus brings the widow’s son back to life.

LUKE 7:11Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹²As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

HYMN OF THE DAY

466 - Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
To him I look; on him I call.
Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply,
Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.
"To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.
Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

SERMON

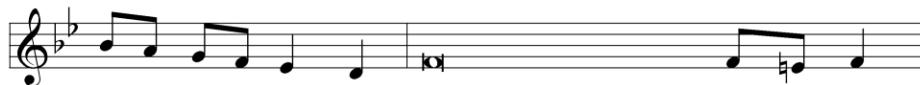
Galatians 1:11-24

Free to Answer Objections

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



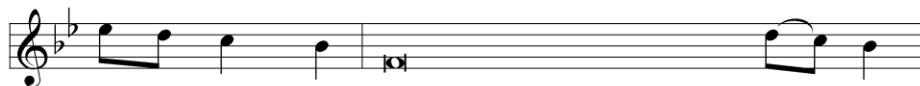
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.



FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

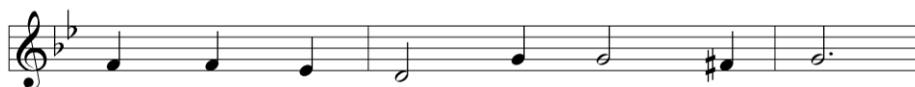
**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**
**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the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

SERMON HYMN

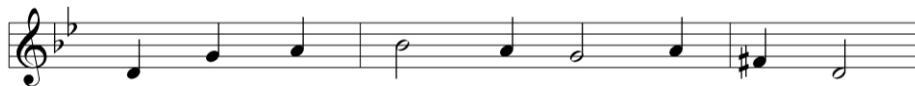
414 - I Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion;
2 God knows what must be done to save me;
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion;
4 My God has all things in his keep - ing;



He loves me both in wealth and woe.
His love for me will nev - er cease.
My soul he, too, de - sires to save.
He is my ev - er - faith - ful friend.



His will is good, sure his af - fec - tion;
Up - on his hands he did en - grave me
There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig - na - tion
He gives me laugh - ter af - ter weep - ing,

His ten - der love is true, I know.
 With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace.
 All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave.
 And all his ways in bless - ings end.

My for - tress and my rock is he:
 His will su - preme must ev - er be:
 His will be done e - ter - nal - ly:
 His love en - dures e - ter - nal - ly:

What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT (98 98 88) Georg C. Neumark, 1621–81.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - - men.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD



CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Text: R. Kelso Carter, Public Domain

The small group will sing the first verse. The congregation is invited to sing the refrains and verses 2-4.

- 1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.*

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

- 2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.**

[Refrain]

- 3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.**

[Refrain]

- 4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.**

[Refrain]

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

They glorified God,
saying,
"A great prophet has
arisen among us!"

Luke 7:16

