

October 13, 2024

10:30 am

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Opening Hymn “Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

*William Chatterton Dix*

Alleluia sing to Jesus  
His the sceptre his the throne  
Alleluia his the triumph  
His the victory alone  
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood  
Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia King eternal  
Thee the Lord of lords we own  
Alleluia born of Mary  
Earth Thy footstool heaven Thy throne  
Thou within the veil hast entered  
Robed in flesh our great high priest  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me

*People* ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord.

*People* ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All* ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.

*People* ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.

*People* ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified at home.

*People* ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified in Texas.

*People* ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant* Be glorified on earth.

*People* ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.

*People* ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.

*People* ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant* Alleluia!

*People* ***Amen.***

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**The first lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Amos, chapter 5, beginning to read at verse 6.**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! <sup>8</sup>He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name; <sup>9</sup>who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon

the fortress. <sup>10</sup> They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (ESV)

*Reader*            This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Alleluia! Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 90:1-12**                            Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse

- 1     Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
          ***from one generation to another.***
- 2     Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, \*  
          ***you are God from everlasting, and world without end.***
- 3     You turn man back to the dust; \*  
          ***you say, "Return, O children of men."***
- 4     For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, \*  
          ***even as a day that is past.***
- 5     You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; \*  
          ***they are even as a dream and fade away.***
- 6     They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, \*  
          but in the evening is dried up and withered.
- 7     For we consume away in your displeasure \*  
          ***and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.***
- 8     You have set our misdeeds before you, \*  
          ***and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.***
- 9     For when you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
          ***we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.***

10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years, \*

*yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.*

11 But who regards the power of your wrath, \*

*and who considers the fierceness of your anger?*

12 So teach us to number our days, \*

*that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**The second lesson is from the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 1.**

**3** Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup> who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”**

*Lynn DeShazo*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)*

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 10, beginning to read at verse 17.

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not

bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.”<sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”<sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”<sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”<sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?”<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,<sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.  
*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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**Sermon**

***The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau***

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***All 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*        Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist*        We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All*                ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist*        Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All*                ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All*                ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Steve, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All*                ***That they may be Your faithful ministers.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world. That the nations may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all peoples.

*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift Our Savior Church, Houston, TX. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All*                    ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Celebrant*            Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

*All*                    ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

## **The Peace**

**Offertory Song "Speakin' to That Mountain"**

*Becky Buller, Jeff Hyde*

*Chorus:*     I'm speakin' to that mountain  
And brother I believe  
God above can move it  
But He might want to move me

Trial and tribulations mark the path of life  
From pebbles in my shoes to boulders I can't climb  
But what may seem like stumblin' blocks standin' in my way  
Are just a few more steppin' stones to help me build my faith (*Chorus*)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego  
Faced with that fiery furnace so many years ago  
They said 'Nebuchanezzar our God can bring us through  
But even if He doesn't we're never gonna bow to you' (*Chorus*)



They're sayin' he won't make it we should end it now  
But we know God has reasons for all that He allows  
We're praying through the anguish 'not our will but Thine be done'  
All the while still pleading 'Father heal our son' (*Chorus*)

*All sing*      ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant*      Is the Father with us?  
*People*          ***He is.***  
*Celebrant*      Is Christ among us?  
*People*          ***He is.***  
*Celebrant*      Is the Spirit here?  
*People*          ***He is.***  
*Celebrant*      This is our God.  
*People*          ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***  
*Celebrant*      We are His people.  
*People*          ***We are redeemed.***  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*          ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant*      It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious crowd, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

***“Sanctus”***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People* ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory!

*People*            ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant*        As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

*All*                ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant*        We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People*            ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

*Celebrant*        The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People*            ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

*Celebrant*        Draw near with faith and receive.

*People*            ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

*Celebrant*        Christ is alive for ever.

*People*            ***We are because He is.***

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Mystery”**

*Charlie Hall*

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity

Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink – Jesus Mystery

Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

**Communion Songs “Bless God”**

*Brandon Lake, Brooke Ligertwood, Cody Carnes*

Blessed are those who run to Him

Who place their hope and confidence in Jesus

He won't forsake them

Blessed are those who seek His face

Who bend their knee fix their gaze on Jesus

They won't be shaken

*Chorus 1:*    Come on and praise the Lord with me

Sing if you love His Name  
Come on and lift your voice with me  
He's worthy of all our praise

Blessed are those who walk with Him  
Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage with Jesus  
They'll see His glory  
Blessed are those who die to live  
Whose joy it is to give it all for Jesus  
And for Him only  
Oh Jesus all for Your glory

*Chorus 2:* Come on and praise the Lord with me  
Sing if you love His Name  
Come on and lift your voice with me  
He's worthy of all our praise  
Come on and bring your offering  
Sing if you've known His grace  
Come on and lift up your holy hands  
He's worthy of all our praise

*Bridge:* Bless God in the sanctuary  
Bless God in the fields of plenty  
Bless God in the darkest valley  
Every chance I get I bless Your Name  
Bless God when my hands are empty  
Bless God with a praise that costs me  
Bless God when nobody's watching  
Every chance I get I bless Your Name  
Bless God when the weapon's forming  
Bless God when the walls are falling  
Bless God 'cause He goes before me  
Every chance I get I bless Your Name  
Bless God for He holds the victory  
Bless God for He's always with me  
Bless God for He's always worthy  
Every chance I get I bless your Name (*Chorus 2*)

## **"Worthy Of It All"**

*David Brymer, Ryan Hall*

All the saints and angels  
Bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns before

The Lamb of God and sing

*Chorus:* You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory

*Bridge:* Day and night night and day  
Let incense arise

## **"Our God"**

*Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves*

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You  
Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

*Chorus:* Our God is greater our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer awesome in power  
Our God our God

*Bridge:* And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us then what could stand against

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn “O Zion Haste”**

*James Walch, Mary Ann Thomson*

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling  
To tell to all the world that God is Light  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish lost in shades of night

*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings tidings of peace  
Tidings of Jesus redemption and release

Proclaim to every people tongue and nation  
That God in whom they live and move is Love  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation  
And died on earth that man might live above (*Refrain*)

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
Til God shall bring His kingdom’s joyful day (*Refrain*)

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.

*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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