

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God challenges us to grow in trust, commitment and faith, even when life's circumstances would suggest otherwise.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: Today we will read about Jonah's thoughts, emotions and prayer as he waited inside the belly of the great fish. It was in the belly of the fish that Jonah realized that he was trapped.....had nowhere to go.....only God could deliver him. As we begin our worship together, we too recognize the trap that we are in due to our sin. With lifted voices we plea for the Lord's mercy.

C: Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness.

We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters.

We recognize our sin and entrapment. In this moment of silence, we privately remember our shortcomings in love and life. (*Silence for reflection*)

HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. As the Lord heard Jonah's cries in the fish, so He hears our cries for help! Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. We have been freed from the entrapment of sin. With renewed freedom and life, we serve the Lord!

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE OSB 172, "Praise to the Lord"

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation;
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustain eth:
Hast thou not seen How thy desires have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper they work and defend thee;

*Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder a new What the Almighty can do
Who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people a gain:
Gladly for ever adore him.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; guide us in the way of salvation; teach us to trust that you are always listening to our cries for help; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Daniel 10:10-14 12:1-3

*And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."
"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

The Second Lesson: Revelation 12:7-12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:1-11

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

[CHOIR ANTHEM](#)

[A READING FROM JONAH](#)

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,

And he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,

And the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows

Passed over me.

Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple."

The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me;

Weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;

Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you,

Into your holy temple.

Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;

What I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG](#) "You Are My King"

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken

I'm accepted, You were condemned

I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me

Because you died and rose again.

Chorus:

Amazing love how can it be

That you my king would die for me

Amazing love, I know it's true

And it's my joy to honor you,

In all I do, I honor you.

(repeat above)

Bridge:

You are my King

You are my King

Jesus You are my King

Jesus You are my King.

(go to chorus to sing one last time)

[SERMON](#) "Giving Thanks" [Jonah 2](#)

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.**

OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives
Offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all
Offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and fitting to give thanks and praise you,
Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us
Through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord with a living faith
As he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE ANGUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.....

(repeat)

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LBW 439

"Beautiful Savior" LBW 518

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Jesus, Name Above All Names" OSB 115

*Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel,
God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

*Jesus, loving shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.*

*Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.*

[A MESSAGE FROM LARRY OLIVER](#)

[DISMISSAL](#)

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

[POST-SERVICE MUSIC](#)