

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**THEME:** We can count on God's grace and mercy to be given to us and others in greater abundance than we could ever imagine.

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

#### WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### ...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, in his rich mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE LBW 250 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (vs. 1-5)

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer  
Oh how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

*Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, Let it be thy temple now!*

*Here thy praise is gladly chanted, Here thy seed is duly sown;*

*Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.*

*Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep thy gift divine;  
How so e'er temptations thicken, May thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.*

*Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, Let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee, While thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

**C: Amen**

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

We learn the lesson of waiting: "the righteous shall live by his faith."

*The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.  
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted...  
I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.  
And the LORD answered me:  
"Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.  
For still the vision awaits its appointed time;*

*it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.  
“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

### [The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

We are reminded that we have been called into a holy calling

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,*

*To Timothy, my beloved child:*

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

### [The Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10](#)

The Gospel shines bright with the promise of life and immortality, which will be ours at Christ's appearing. Until that day, we continue to pray, "Increase our faith!"

*And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.*

*"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### A READING FROM JONAH

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sack cloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON SONG OSB 222 The Solid Rock

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

***Refrain: (repeat after each verse)***

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seem to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

### [SERMON "Anticipating His Goodness" Jonah 3](#)

#### [AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH](#)

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### [OFFERINGS](#)

P: Merciful Father

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

### WORDS OF CONSECRATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION SONGS

LBW 532 How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

OSB 106 It is Well with My Soul

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, the trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*Refrain*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't:*

*My sin not in part, but the whole*

*Is nail'd to the cross and I bear it no more,*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.*

*Refrain*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,*

*The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,*

*The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,*

*"Even so," it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING BLESSING

[CLOSING SONG LBW 261 On What Has Now Been Sown](#)

On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord, bestow:

The pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.

O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,

And yours alone shall be the praise!

To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow'rs

Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.

Our praises Lord, and prayers receive

And to you Word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us, Now met before you here,

May meet together thus When you and yours appear,

And follow you to heav'n, our home.

E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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