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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**AS WE GATHER:** Only a few Israelites in Moses' time remembered the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the meantime, they were languishing in their servitude. But God had plans for their freedom; He would take them to a land of milk and honey. The Church after Jesus' ascension was impatiently awaiting His return. In the meantime, they had to deal with a pagan society and even false teachings within their group. But our Lord's promise to return is sure, validated by His resurrection from the dead. For those who have gone before us, the meantime is over; they live to with God in eternity. In the meantime, that sure promise of gracious blessings in eternity and our Lord's presence with us now carry us through to the day when we join them around the throne. Meanwhile, today is another day on which to join the psalmist and praise the name of the Lord.

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHORAL OPENING: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let Peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;

With ev'ry step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally;

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let it begin with me.

## CALLING ON GOD

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

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

L: When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**C: We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds, cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.**

L: When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.

**C: And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living. Forgive us, gracious Savior.**

L: When God told him to go to Pharaoh, Moses could only say, "Who am I that I should go?"

**C: We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people around us. Forgive us, Holy Spirit.**

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

## FORGIVENESS

L: God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: "The God of Abraham Praise"

**LBW 544** (v. 1;3-4)

The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I Am!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls himself my God!  
And he shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn;  
I on his oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold his face;  
I shall his pow'r adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace  
Forevermore.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Lord of heaven and earth, in Jesus You came down and freed us to serve You in peace and joy. Your kingdom come to us and Your will be done through us each day until You graciously usher us into Your presence in eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***God calls Moses to tell Pharaoh to free the Israelites in Egypt.***

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

*Those who die in faith remain alive in God's presence.*

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****SERMON HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"****LBW 320**

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

## SERMON

## APOSTLES CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the power of 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

**OFFERING**

**MITE BOX COLLECTION**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L:** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith and for all people in their various circumstances.

Eternal Lord, You sent Moses to Pharaoh, giving him Your name and promising to go with him. Now You send us out into the world with Your name upon us from our Baptism and Your gracious presence going with us. Use us, we pray, and work through us to accomplish Your gracious will. Confident that You accompany us,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord.**

**L:** Heavenly Father, You saw the afflictions of Your people in Egypt. Look on all who are oppressed by harsh governments, denied their human rights by corrupt courts, or cast aside by uncaring cultures. Visit, relieve, strengthen, and free them to worship You in peace and joy. Knowing Your answers are better than our prayers,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord.**

L: O Holy Spirit, You knew the sufferings of the Israelites in Moses' day. Listen to all who are struggling with illnesses of body, mind, or spirit, [*including . . .*], and guide those who seek to meet their various needs. Anticipating the contentment and health that await them in Your gracious plans,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord.**

L: Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of all displaced from their homes or seeking asylum in foreign lands, and protect all who work for order within societies and peace across borders. Confident that You can bring good out of every circumstance,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord.**

L: Lord of the nations, Pharaoh did not know You in Moses' day, and today whole nations have not heard our Savior's name. Open doors of opportunity for lay and clergy leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed. Trusting that growth will come to the Church by Your will,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord.**

L: Lord Jesus, Your people have awaited Your return since Your ascension. During this time when lawlessness and rebellion are rampant in this fallen world, give us comfort and hope, protection and encouragement. Looking forward to joining those who have gone before and now live in Your presence,

**C: we praise the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

# A TRIBUTE TO OUR PEACE VETERANS

## CLOSING PRAYER

L: Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces in our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace, keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor. Bless our veterans too that their lives would be lived in your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:** *“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”*

**LBW 566**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our king.

**DISMISSAL**