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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE: *Wachet Auf* by J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

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

Amen

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 worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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 reflection and self-examination.*)

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God 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.

Amen

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31 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, you,
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, you,
 3 Now let all the heav'n's a - dore - ing, you,

on the heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.

Mid-night hears the wel - come voic - es, And at the
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing tal, Where, dwell - ing

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is risn; her light is come.
 with the choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your daz - zling light.

The bride-groom comes! A - wake;
 Oh, come, you Bless - ed One,
 No eye has seen, no ear
 yet been trained to hear.

The watch-men And in her
 And sains and
 Al - le lu ia!
 Sing ho - san - na!
 What joy is ours!

Pre - pare your-selves to meet the
 We go un - til the halls we re -
 Cre - seen - dos rise; your halls re -
 Lord, Whose light has stirred
 view sound; Ho - san - nas bid us wait -
 Where, have blend in dine with
 the sound.

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Ky - ri - e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - ey.
Lord, . . . have mer - ey.

Chi - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - ey.
Christ, . . . have mer - ey.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *Once in Royal David's City*

THE FIRST LESSON

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

THE PSALM

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!"
and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

**4 Let all who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation
say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re-turns to life once more;
 Now has found a glo - riou斯 mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.
 Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;
 Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing Spring ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 An - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, Glo - ry round his wound-ed brow,
 He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found,
 Hail the day of res - ur - rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

THE OFFERTORY: "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs I,3

Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks-giv -
2 Bless, Lord, the la -
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid -
4 Then will your bless -

ing.
bor
Food for your chil -
ing.
Reach ev - 'ry peo -

For all things
That with our
By your wise
Free - ly con -

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -
to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

dead!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -
to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

dead!

liv - ing. Cre - at - ed good:
neigh - bor We may be fed.
guid - ing Teach us to share
fess - ing Your gra - cious hand.

Fruits of the
sown fields,
Sow - ing or till - ing.
One with an - oth - er,
Where all o - bey you,

Har - vest of sown fields,
We would work
So that, re -
No one will

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.
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.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" vs 1,3,4,5

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live!
 2 Christ is a - live!
 3 Not throned a - far,
 4 In ev - ry in -

Let Chris - tians sing.
 His cross stands
 bound To dis - tant
 high, Un - touched, un -
 Where col - or,
 rift, and war,
 sult, rift,

emp - ty to the sky.
 Pal - es and
 years in hu - man pains,
 moved by or wealth di - vide,

Let streets and homes with
 He comes to claim the
 place and reigns.
 But dai - ly, in still,
 He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall
 here and now And con - quer ev - ry
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er
 cru - ci - fied.

5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
 He rules the world his Father made,
 Till, in the end, his love adored
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *On the Eighth Day from Light of Life: Signs of the Savior*

Refrain: *On the eighth day, Lord God be praised!*
On the eighth day, Jesus was raised!
New life from death, Jesus set free!
New life to live for you and me!