

November 14, 2021

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost*



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THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "O Day of Peace"

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O Day of Peace

1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de-vour the small;

The first system of the hymn features a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de-vour the small;". The piano accompaniment consists of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes. as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.". The piano accompaniment continues with the same grand staff notation.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;

The third system concludes the hymn with the lyrics: "May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease, Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;". The piano accompaniment concludes with the same grand staff notation.



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

A LITANY FOR VETERANS

On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces
(pause for silent reflection)

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country,
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those
separated from those they love.**

We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and
that peace will reign.

**We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those
who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but
in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your
peacemakers in the world. Amen.**

THE GREETING & DIALOG

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.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your
children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain



Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to



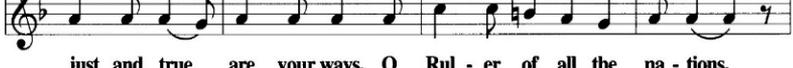
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,

Refrain



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *Did Jesus Wear a Mask?*

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 12:1-3

12 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

THE PSALM

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God,
for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD,
“You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is upon the godly
that are in the land,
upon those who are noble
among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods
upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the LORD
who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me
to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence
there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a square symbol. The lyrics are: 'Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!'. The second staff lyrics: 'Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!'. The third staff lyrics: 'Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.'. The fourth staff lyrics: 'Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!'. The fifth staff lyrics: 'Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!'.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

13 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

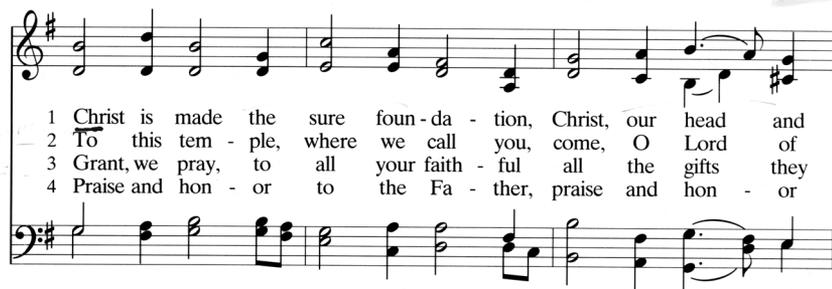
³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

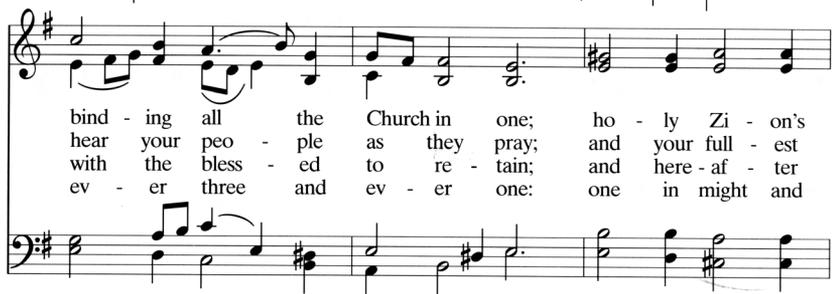
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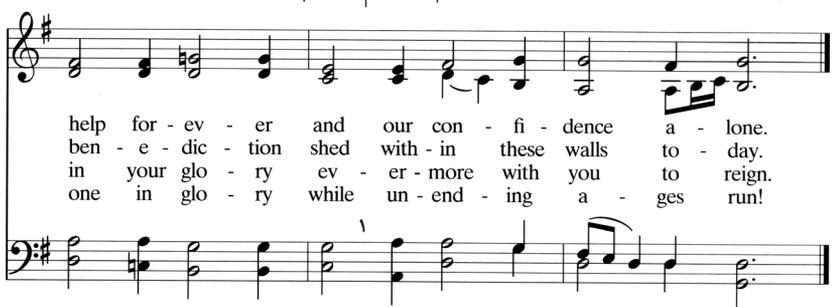
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

THE SERMON: *Life at a Turning Point*

649 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

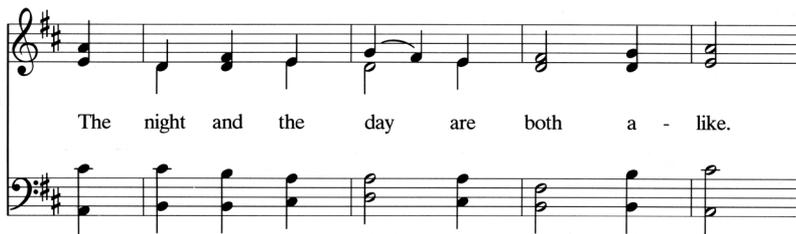
God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

Refrain



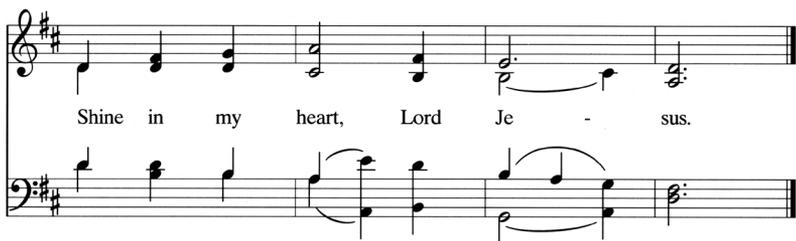
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3

□ *(Advent to Transfiguration)* Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Season after Pentecost) Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

Shall We Gather at the River

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- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE