

Pentecost 2, 2021, **Order of Worship**

**Announcements, Concerns, Joys**

**Call to Worship, Psalm 130**

\***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, *in* Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. *By* Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. *Through* Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

\***Gathering Hymn**    *Come, Ye Disconsolate* (public domain)    ELW 607  
Sing to *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, ELW 733 (NO REFRAIN)    HP 54

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, certain and pure;  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.*

\***The Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, so that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Children's Message**

**A reading from Genesis, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter (3:8-15)** Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin; instead, they blame each other, the snake, and even God (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 206, Augsburg Fortress). [After each reading the response is, "The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**"]

**\*Alleluia!** *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*  
In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit and are siblings of Christ (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 206, Augsburg Fortress).

**\*Gospel**        **Mark 3:20-35**  
Before the gospel: *Glory to you, O Lord!*  
After the gospel: *Praise to you, O Christ!*

### **Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day**    *A Mighty Fortress* (public domain)        LBW 229, ELW 504, HP 8 (784)

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.*

*Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!*

**\*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.**

**\*The Prayers of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 206, Augsburg Fortress)

(Response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation: the gardens, waterways, and creatures near to us, and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord . . .

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work together with one another for the common good. Lord . . .

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord . . .

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord . . .

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord . . .

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Receiving the body and blood of Jesus

\*Communion blessing

\*Prayer after communion

**\*Benediction**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*O Zion, Haste* (public domain)

LBW 397, ELW 668, HP 1741

*O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light;  
That he who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.*

**REFRAIN:** *Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.*

*Publish to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move is love;  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
And died on earth that we might live above. REFRAIN*

*Give of your own to bear the message glorious,  
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way,  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,  
And haste the coming of that glorious day. REFRAIN*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

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*Unfolding Light*—Trust in the Peaceable One

You who tremble at injustice,  
take heart.  
Jesus, the Gentle One,  
has bound up the strong man  
and plundered his power.  
Satan's militants still roam the earth  
but they serve a master who has already lost,  
and their power is no match  
for the power of love.

Those who would divide  
and those who would conquer  
wallow in their error.  
They cannot imagine  
that we are all the children of God.

Trust in the Peaceable One.  
Do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with God.

[Mark 3:22-27; Micah 6:8]

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