



# 18th Sunday after Pentecost

## + Sunday, October 4, 2020 +

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### Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

### Psalmody

*Psalm 80:7-19*

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**C: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? Turn again, O God of hosts!**

L: Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

**C: the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**

L: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

**C: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

L: Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- [1] Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise  
Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- [2] Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings  
of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- [3] Praise to the Lord,  
who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed  
and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- [4] Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His good-  
ness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.
- [5] Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life  
and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## **Old Testament**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

*Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

*If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as*

*rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 21:33-46**

*Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its*

*fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

#743

[1] Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me.  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.

[2] In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.

[3] Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.

God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depth adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.

[4] Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.

[5] Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

[6] Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

**Sermon** (video available at <https://youtu.be/Cv8vWytE5g8>)

## **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 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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Collect**

**L: Gracious God, you gave your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed him. Forgive us when we reject your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**L: Let us bless the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

**#802**

- [1] Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
O Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.
- [2] Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Not wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.
- [3] To all life Thou givest--to both great and small--  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish--  
but naught changes Thee.
- [4] Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O lead us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
of light that hides Thee