

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRELUDE *Abide* (Keyes, Williams, Fauber)

*For my waking breath,
For my daily bread
I depend on You,
I depend on You.*

*For the sun to rise,
For my sleep at night,
I depend on You,
I depend on You.*

Refrain

*You're the way, the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*Where the Spirit leads,
As I'm following
I depend on You,
I depend on You.*

*For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You,
I depend on You. (Refrain)*

*Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure, my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*When I pass through death,
As I enter rest,
I depend on You,
I depend on You.*

*For eternal life,
To be raised with Christ,
I depend on You,
I depend on You. (Refrain)*

*Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure, my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*Would you teach me,
Would You teach me to abide?*

*I depend on You.
I depend on You.
I depend on You.
I depend on You.*

THE PROCESSIONAL *Hymnal 563* *Come People of the Risen King*

Standing.

*Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.*

*From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.*

Refrain
*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
Oh, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping thro' the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.*

*For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. (Refrain)*

*Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.*

*Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all." (Refrain)*

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 510 Fairest Lord Jesus*

The children follow the cross out for children's church

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore can be Thine!*

Please be seated.

THE LESSON *Amos 5:6-15*

Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name; who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER *Psalm 90:1-12 (BCP page 388)*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 You turn man back to the dust; *
you say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *
even as a day that is past.
- 5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *
they are even as a dream and fade away.
- 6 They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, *
but in the evening is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure *
and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 For when you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
- 10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years, *
yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.
- 11 But who regards the power of your wrath, *
and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
- 12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

THE SEQUENCE SONG *Hymnal 386 O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Standing.

*O 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 Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.*

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

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

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

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

THE GOSPEL *Mark 10:17-31*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you,

there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Ted Duvall, *Rector*

Seated.

THE NICENE CREED

Standing

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, Chip Edgar, our Bishop, and for all the clergy (Fr. Ted, Pastor CJ, Canon Jim, Deacon Joyce, and Alonzo our seminarian) and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Including Bishop Qampicha and the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya, especially our Tree Church Partners in Game, Elebor, Maikona, Goro Rukesa, Badasa, Laisamis, Ngaramara, & Kambi Zebra. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____], and also for those we name at this time, either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace, and preserve us through the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, since "Unless the LORD builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it," put under thy gracious protection and give continual guidance and blessing to the work of the Building Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee; by your Spirit lead the hearts and minds of everyone in this congregation to a faithful consideration of what will become our joyful gifts to our campaign to build a church that makes disciples, for we ask in the name of the One who is the cornerstone and head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Most merciful God,

**we confess that 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.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seated; Kids Return

THE OFFERTORY

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

OFFERTORY *My God is a Rock* (Parker & Shaw)

Soloist: Richard Reagor

DOXOLOGY *Hymnal 234 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Standing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING OF LEVS *Savannah Grace; Merrill Gardens*

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS *Hymnal 821 Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
Full of Your glory,*

*Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
In the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MEDITATION *I Love to Tell the Story*

Soloist: Kate Kiel

COMMUNION SONG *Hymnal 459 In Christ Alone*

*In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all, in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.*

*Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the word by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!*

*And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

COMMUNION SONG *We Believe* (Ryan, Fike, Hooper)

*In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation:
We believe, we believe.*

*In this broken generation,
When all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation:
We believe, we believe.*

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again.
We believe.*

*So, let our faith be more than anthems,
Greater than the songs we sing,
In our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe!*

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again.*

*Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised;
In the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud!*

*Our God, we'll say,
"We believe! we believe!"
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! we believe!*

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again.*

*He's coming back again.
We believe, we believe!*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Standing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL *Hymnal 197 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying "Christian, follow me."*

*As, of old, apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying "Christian, love Me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Keep the faith.

People: And share it, too!

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today with Hallelujah Chorus* (Reimer)