

Divine Service - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 909 ss. 1-4

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness,
hear Your people as they pray;
and Your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask, to gain;
what they gain from You, forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Your glory
evermore with You to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run!

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

Ps. 105:1; 39-43

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

40 They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: 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.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

Choir: "Built on the Rock" 645 ss. 1-5

1 Built on the Rock the church shall stand
even when steeples are falling.

Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
bells still are chiming and calling,
calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
longing for rest everlasting.

2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
high above earth His temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
chooses to live with us in love,
making our bodies His temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones,
built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us;
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
many in saving faith may come

where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know mine own, My own know Me,
you, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

PASTOR: Collect of the Day.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness,
still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us
Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give
thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing
obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 51:1-6

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
3 For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
4 "Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;

the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Gradual: ROMANS 11:33,36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of
God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable his ways!
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To
him be glory forever. Amen.

The Epistle: ROMANS 11:33 - 12:8

11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge
of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable his ways!
34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
35 "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To
him be glory forever. Amen.
12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of
God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and
perfect.
3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you
not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to

think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Verse: PSALM 78:25

Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: ST. MATTHEW 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he

was the Christ.

The Sermon Hymn: 912 ss. 1-3

1 Christ is our corner-stone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

3 O then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall
ring;
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.

The Sermon: “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”¹ ATT 16:13-20

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 575 ss. 1-4

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

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.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Collect for the Word

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed

hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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