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## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOV 8, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE, LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon 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**

P: Almighty God in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

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

P: For the peace from above...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION" *(Sung)*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

Lord God, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your saving grace. **Help us keep watch for the last days in joyful hope of the marriage feast with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING – AMOS 5:18-24      SECOND READING – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18      *(Lessons printed on insert)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung)*

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MATTHEW 25:1-13 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 25. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN: "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER" *(Stand, Sung)*

**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, In his mightly arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(Spoken)*

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Merciful Father, **C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

*(A single line will form down the middle aisle. Ushers will give directions. The bread and wine should be consumed at the table. Please wait until the person communing leaves the table before stepping to the table.)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia-2x.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

**P: Let our communion with Christ Jesus keep us faithful and true to you, O God;**

**C: as we long for the day we shall take our place at his Messianic table. Amen**

HYMN: "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (*Sung*)

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

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