



**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020**

Welcome

Opening Songs

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength!

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere!

Opening Acclamation

Leader The world belongs to God
All **the earth and all its people.**

Leader How good it is, how wonderful
All **to live together in unity.**

Leader Love and mercy come together;
All **justice and peace join hands.**

Leader Open our lips, O God,
All **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will

feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7a For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Gospel Song

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on every promise of Your word

Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of Your word

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart

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 to the dead. 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 People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

(A brief silence)

Enliven the Church for its mission: In our Parishes, we pray for the people of Zion Episcopal Church, Pierrepont Manor, and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Leyden and their priest, the Rev. John LaVoe. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Cristo Rey, in Bajo Lempa, Usulután, and their priest The Rev. Antonio López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of Bermuda and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need.

People **that we may reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader Lead this and every nation into ways of justice and peace,
People **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Inspire with your wisdom, those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it,
People **teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader Restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those we name now _____,
People **may they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader We remember with thanksgiving, those who have died, especially those we name now _____,
People **Give comfort to those who mourn, bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader
Lord you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Salvation's Cup

I will lift up salvation's cup
Jesus I call on Your name
By the sacrifice You made in death
You have freed my life from these chains
I will sacrifice to You a thankful offering
Fulfill my vows to You O Lord
and Your name I will sing

I will lift up salvation's cup
Jesus I call on Your name
By the sacrifice You made in death
You have freed my life from these chains
What shall I return to God for all he's done for me
All I have is already His
He lives so now I'm free

I will lift up salvation's cup
Jesus I call on Your name
By the sacrifice You made in death
You have freed my life from these chains
You have freed my life from these chains
And Your love is all that remains!

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for mission

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Blessing

Clergy Now may God,
who gives seed to the sower
and grain to the reaper,
provide all that we need
so that we may produce a rich harvest
of faith, love, justice, and joy
for the good of the earth and its people
and to the glory of God.

And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you all now and evermore.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
 O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
 O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
 O praise Him O praise Him
 Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
 O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

Dismissal

Clergy Reconciled to God, made a new creation in Christ, and anointed by the Holy Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Additional sources for today's liturgy:

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Iona Abbey Worship Book

Prayer for Sundays and Seasons

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