22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [LECTIONARY 30] OCTOBER 24, 2021

SABBATH REFLECTION

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Helen Weiss Phelps, organ -J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG "Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW # 665

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Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you** Let us pray. Eternal light, **shine in our hearts.**

Eternal wisdom,

scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal compassion,

have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

TEACHING MOMENT

*GOSPEL Mark 10: 46-52

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.



⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY "20/20 Vision"

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** "Faith Begins by Letting Go" All Creation Sings (ACS) # 1004

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(sung to the same tune as "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies)

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

*APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain and illness. Send healing and relief to all who are sick especially those continuing to struggle with Covid-19, their families, and their caregivers.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Savior of My Heart"

-J. Hartley, S. Walsh, B. Bielec

You alone are the Savior of my heart, Faithful in all You do. You alone are the keeper of my soul, Tender and kind and true.

I will seek You in the morning, I will see Your face at night; How lovely is your presence to me, O Lord, to me.

Take my heart with all its wandering ways. Shelter me in Your grace. There I'll stay 'til all my days are through, Then I shall see Your face.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our calling and our joy,

That we should at all times and in all places

Give thanks and praise to you,

Almighty and merciful God,

Through our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who on this day overcame death and the grave,

And by his glorious resurrection,

Opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

We praise your name

And join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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

(Communing of Servants)

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW # 779 Text: John Newton, 1725-1807; Alt. sts. 3 & 4; anonymous st. 5; Public Domain

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound *that saved a wretch like me!* I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

"Be Thou My Vision" ELW # 793 Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Public Domain

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, Save that thou art: Thou my best thought Both 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, And thou my high tow'r, 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, The 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.

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

CANTICLE



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***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in F Major"

-J. S. Bach



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