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# DIVINE SERVICE

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
14 August 2022

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## AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. Today, the emphasis is on the trials they endured because of their faith. Unlike the false prophets in the Old Testament, they had heard and believed the promises of God. No wonder faith in Christ, especially when it goes through trials, inevitably produces conflict with any unbelieving people near us, even though they might be members of our family! Today is a day to resolve to run the race with endurance, following our Lord Jesus, acting on faith each day until it is turned to sight.

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## PRELUDE "Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Benton Price

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

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## ✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **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.**

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*  
**C** **Amen**

## INTROIT

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

- <sup>1</sup>Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!  
<sup>12</sup>For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;  
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—  
then I could hide from him.  
<sup>13</sup>But it is you, a man, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend.  
<sup>14</sup>We used to take sweet counsel together;  
within God's house we walked in the throng.  
<sup>16</sup>But I call to God,  
and the Lord will save me.  
**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.**  
<sup>22</sup>Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;  
He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

## ✠ SERVICE of the WORD ✠

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47* pg. 168

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Moses “was hidden for three months by his parents.”

Support and guide the social agencies and extended families of all those who care for the young and the old, the poor and the sick, whether as professional health care workers or individuals intent on meeting the needs of the less fortunate. Grant them a sense of purpose and calling as they serve You and the people around them in love. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** **My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COLLECT

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



- C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

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## POSTLUDE — HOUSTON

Kathleen Thomerson

## OFFERTORY (Stand)

Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19 pg. 176

**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 119:81; Hebrews 11:19, 22–23

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

Abraham “considered that God was able even to raise [Isaac from] the dead.”

We join our prayers with people who have heard only bad news and ignored God’s promises. Open their ears that they may hear the Good News proclaimed by the Church here and around the world. Grant them opportunity to rely on Your gracious promises, heavenly Father. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

- P** “Joseph made mention of the exodus of the Israelites,” even while they were enslaved in Egypt.

Let us pray for people who are deprived of justice, who are addicted to drugs and live in destructive communities, and all who are without hope of change. Renew in them, O Lord, a trust in Your promises, and give them relief and change as fits Your gracious plans for them. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** 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.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE — Gloria in Excelsis

(Luke 2:14, John 1:29) pg. 170

**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.  
**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
 lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And al- so with you.

**P** Let us pray... Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ.

**C** **United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen. *(Sit)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(God decries the false prophets.)* Jeremiah 23:16–29

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *(Stand)*

John 6:68, pg. 173

Al- le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49–56

*(Jesus says families will be divided over Him.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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**SERMON**

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:17–40; 12:1–3

*(Heroes of faith acted when tested, well before Christ appeared in human history.)*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

☞ This is the Word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in My council,  
then they would have proclaimed My words to My people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

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## PSALM

Psalm 119:81–88; antiphon: v. 81

<sup>81</sup>My soul longs for Your salvation;  
I hope in Your word.

<sup>82</sup>**My eyes long for Your promise;  
I ask, “When will You comfort me?”**

<sup>83</sup>For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.

<sup>84</sup>**How long must Your servant endure?  
When will You judge those who persecute me?**

<sup>85</sup>The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;  
they do not live according to Your law.

<sup>86</sup>**All Your commandments are sure;  
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

<sup>87</sup>They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken Your precepts.

<sup>88</sup>**In Your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth**

**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.**

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I hope in Your word.