

# Nineteenth Sunday After The Pentecost

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"The Choice That Matters"

*Matthew 22:1-14*

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## Opening Hymn - Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!"
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit While eternal ages run!

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

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.**

1John 1:8

**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 trusted 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.**

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** John 20:21-23

**Collect of the Day** (short prayer before hearing the Word)

P Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**Old Testament Reading -**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading -**

**Philippians 4:4-13**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me- practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading -**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand

and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

**Sermon Hymn – In the Shattered Bliss of Eden**

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- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered— Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment: Only God can cover sin,  
As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam— Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners, Host, who spreads this meal divine,  
Here You pledge our sins are covered, Pledge received in bread and wine:  
"Take and eat; this is My body, Given on the cross for you.  
Take and drink; this cup of blessing Is My blood poured out for you."
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven Known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union, Lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever Flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden, Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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**Sermon – Jesus is LORD**

Mt. 21:23-32

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

### **Prayers of the Church**

P Lord, in your mercy...

#### **C Hear our prayer**

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who while he was with us, walking among us, taught us to pray:

**C 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.**

### **Benediction Song**

Verse 1

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit Keep our hearts and minds within His love

*Chorus*

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2

May this peace which passes understanding And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of His communion Make us one in spirit and in heart - *Chorus*

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"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Numbers 6:27

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