



Twenty-third Sunday After The Pentecost

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"What's Next"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Opening Hymn – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice rejoice believers And let your lights appear
The evening is advancing And darker night is near
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh
Up pray and watch and wrestle At midnight comes the cry
- 2 The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear
The marriage feast is waiting The gates wide open stand
Arise O heirs of glory The Bridegroom is at hand
- 3 The saints who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold
- 4 Our hope and expectation O Jesus now appear
Arise O Sun so longed for O'er this benighted sphere
With hearts and hands uplifted We plead O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free

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

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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Salutation and Collect of the Day (short prayer before hearing the Word)

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

P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words

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

Adopting the posture of resurrection, we rise to hear the Gospel reading.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready

went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 – How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

[Refrain]

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Sermon – What's Next

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Offering

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.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, **saying**, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

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*

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

After the Benediction please be seated for information regarding our life together in support of our
mission to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

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