

ST PAUL'S

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF *JESUS*
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF *GOD*
FEASTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP
OF THE *SPIRIT*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ORGAN **P**RELUDE *Prelude in B-flat Major* J.L. Krebbs

CALL TO **W**ORSHIP

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

GATHERING **h**YMN

ST OSWALD

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless, sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow Me!"**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love Me more!"**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these!"**

**Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,
Saviour may we hear Thy call,
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.**

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in His presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to declare His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. AMEN

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded His ministers to pronounce

to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe His holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please Him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

AMEN

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

THE VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our Salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In His hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 105: 7-22

led by Linda Voteary

⁷ *He is the LORD our God;*

His judgements are in all the earth.

**⁸ He is mindful of His covenant for ever,
of the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations,**

⁹ *the covenant that He made with Abraham,
His sworn promise to Isaac,*

**¹⁰ which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ *saying, ‘To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.’*

**¹² When they were few in number,
of little account, and strangers in it,**

¹³ *wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people,*

**¹⁴ He allowed no one to oppress them;
He rebuked kings on their account,**

¹⁵ *saying, ‘Do not touch My anointed ones;
do My prophets no harm.’*

**¹⁶ When He summoned famine against the land,
and broke every staff of bread,**

¹⁷ *He had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.*

**¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;**

¹⁹ *until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.*

**²⁰ The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.**

²¹ *He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,*
²² **to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end;*

AMEN

THE FIRST LESSON – Genesis 37: 1-4

¹*Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.* ²*This is the story of the family of Jacob.*

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³*Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.* ⁴*But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.*

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

ΤΕ ΘΕΟΝ ΛΑΥΔΑΜΑΣ

We praise You, O God; we acclaim You as Lord; all creation worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You: Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy

of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You took our flesh to set us free You humbly chose the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting. **AMEN**

The SECOND LESSON – Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning He came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸Peter answered Him, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God.'

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

ΔIGNUS ES

Splendour and honour and kingly power are Yours by right, O Lord our God, for You created everything that is, and by Your will they were created and have their being; and Yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with Your blood You have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. And so, to Him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, for ever and for evermore. AMEN

THE ΔPOSTLES' 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 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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm restrains the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
we cry ,O God of majesty,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at Your word,
Who walked across the surging deep,
and in the storm lay calm in sleep;
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**Creator Spirit, by Whose breath
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
Who made the stormy chaos cease,
and gave us light and life and peace:
we cry, O Spirit strong and free,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
protect them by Your holy Name,
and to Your glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

William Whiting (1825-1875); rev *Hymns for Today's Church*, alt; 1982

The *M*essage

What is Your Faith?

The Revd Kris Michaelson

*h*ymn of *R*esponse

ST PETER

**We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from Him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
but in His promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on You when You are near,
and seek where You are found:**

**that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold You as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

THE RESPONSATORY

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

O Lord, show Your mercy upon us;
And grant us Your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;
And let Your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save Your people;
And bless Your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And defend us by Your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

The PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sandy Garner

The COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know You is eternal life and to serve You is perfect freedom: Defend us, Your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger;

and that, guided by Your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

A PRAYER FOR ALL HUMANITY

O God, you made us in Your own image, and You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish Your purposes on earth. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities; that, in Your good time, all nations and races may serve You in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **AMEN**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are

gathered together in His Name You will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **AMEN**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN

SENDING **h**ymn

MANNHEIM

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but Thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness Thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert Thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in B-flat Major

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