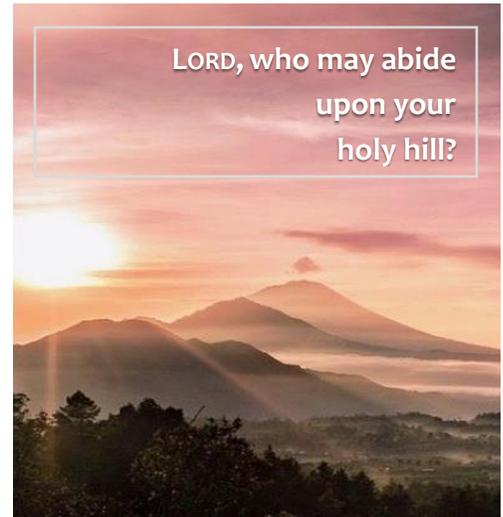


August 29, 2021

Time after Pentecost – Lect. 22



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth – My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 15

- L: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
C: Who may abide upon your holy hill?
L: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
C: who speak the truth from their heart;
L: they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil to their friends;
C: they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
L: In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.
**C: they have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.**
L: They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
C: Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

** Congregation is encouraged to use hymnals for note reading*

GATHERING HYMN: *My God How Wonderful Thou Art*

vss 1,3,4

ELW #863

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!**
- 3 **No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.**
- 4 **Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

C. help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P. Beloved people of God:

In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SIT

READING: JAMES 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *SPOKEN*

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

All: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SIT

SERMON: Pastor Christopher Miller

STAND

HYMN: O Jesus I Have Promised

vss 1 & 4

ELW #810
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

APOSTLES CREED

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.

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

SIT

OFFERING OF GIFTS & OFFERING PRAYER

P. Faithful God,

**All: thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life.
You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts.
Your generosity overflows to us.
Everything we have is a gift from you.
As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you
from the abundant blessings you have given us.
May our gifts be acceptable in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us, ☩ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

vss 1 & 4

ELW #865
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!**
- 4 **Angels help us to adore him,
Who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Living God

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