



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Opening Hymn #16

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart,
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises,
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust

And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

Invocation

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them

His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

Introit

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

P: The LORD is my portion;

C: be gracious to me according to your promise.

P: When I think on my ways,

C: I turn my feet to your testimonies;

P: I hasten and do not delay

C: to keep your commandments.

P: The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

C: teach me your statutes!

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

Gloria Patri

C ♪ **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 Kyrie

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend,
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

P The Lord be with you
C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect for the Day

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C ♪ **Amen.**

The First Lesson – Genesis 18:1-14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is

anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 27:7-14

Antiphon –

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

You have said, | “Seek my face.”*

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,*

O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*

but the LORD will | take me in.

Teach me your way, | O LORD,*

and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon –

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

The Gradual

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C: and their words to the ends of the world. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah

The Second Lesson – Colossians 1:21-29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Gospel – Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Confession of Faith ***Apostle's Creed***

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #366 (v. 1-4) ***One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure***

1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure
Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure,
Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.

The gain of this one thing all loss can requite
And teach me in all things to find true delight.

2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful,
Turn from all created things
Unto Jesus and be heedful
Of the blessed joy He brings.
For where God and Man both in one are united,
With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted;
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.

3. How were Mary's thoughts devoted,
Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted,
At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.

4. Thus my longings, heavenward tending,
Jesus, rest alone on Thee.
Help me, thus on Thee depending;
Savior come and dwell in me.
Although all the world should forsake and forget Thee,
In love I will follow Thee, ne'er will I quit Thee.
Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word;
And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?

Sermon Text – Genesis 18:1-14

Sermon

The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord God, You have made Your Word fully known in the person of Your Son and in the proclamation of His Gospel. Bring many out of this world and into the communion of Your Church to share the riches He has won for us in His death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, Your minister St. Paul suffered for the sake of the Christ's Church and called both Jews and Gentiles into Christ's one body. Sustain the apostolic unity he forged, and grant Your ministers faithful hearts to endure suffering in our day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You chose Abraham and Sarah, though barren, to bring forth the promised Child. Grant Your heavenly comfort to those without children. Hear their prayers, and grant their godly desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give wisdom and patience to all in authority. Let them serve with integrity — always for the benefit of those under their leadership, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, Your people suffer in this life before they reach Your heavenly kingdom. Sustain [_____ and] all who suffer among us. Give them the same Spirit You gave Your servant Paul, that they may endure in their holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, when You appeared to Abraham in Mamre, he offered a feast of which he himself did not partake. Receive our offerings this day, and grant us bold faith in our forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn #625

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!

2. Oh, blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed

Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost!
May none to them and heaven be lost!

4. Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

5. Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Prayer & The Benediction

Closing Hymn #52 ***Almighty Father, Bless the Word***

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Thy grace we now have heard,
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2. We praise Thee for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heaven appear.

Silent Prayer

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