

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

Trust, writes the prophet Isaiah, that God’s Word has the power to accomplish His will! “It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” In the Gospel we see that Word in flesh doing the work of the Father, planting the seeds of the Kingdom liberally in order to produce an abundant crop, not of grain, but sons and daughters who, by faith in Christ, call this mighty and merciful God “Abba, Father”

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “God So Loved”

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Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

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His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Ending

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess together:

People: 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 loved 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. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “There is One Gospel” Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Ending

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children’s Bible Reading: P. 292

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “Who You Say We Are” © Steven Curtis Chapman

Verse 1

Oh how great is the love The Father has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God
Oh how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay
So we could be called the children of God

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Verse 2

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name
There's nothing more that we could ever do You finished it all on the cross
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
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Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Pre-chorus 2

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You Jesus
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 2

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

End Tag

Hallelujah we are who You say we are

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I’m found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I’ve been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I’ve been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

Chorus

My chains are gone I’ve been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

COMMUNION SONG: “Christ is Risen” © Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him Who showed great love

And bled for us Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down

In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Bridge

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!

Chorus

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Chorus

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DISMISSAL and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Same Power” Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram

Verse 1

I can see Waters raging at my feet
I can feel The breath of those surrounding me
I can hear The sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Verse 2

I can walk Down this dark and painful road
I can face Every fear of the unknown
I can hear All God’s children singing out
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Verse 3

We have hope That His promises are true
In His strength There is nothing we can’t do
Yes, we know There are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Bridge

Greater is He that is living in me He’s conquered our enemy
No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!