

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
The Chosen Treasure
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AS WE GATHER

In Deuteronomy, God chooses Israel not because of their own greatness, but purely out of His baseline love and faithfulness to His promise. Romans mirrors this comforting truth, assuring us that our salvation rests entirely on God's active purpose—nothing in all creation can separate believers from His love in Christ Jesus. Finally, the Matthew parables illustrate the supreme, hidden value of the Kingdom of Heaven. Together, they comfort the believer... we do not find God; rather, He treasures, chooses, and securely holds us by grace alone.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “House of the Lord” Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

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Bridge

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amid trouble, distress, and persecution,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid hunger, loneliness, and danger,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid violence, powers, heights, and depths,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid life and death,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have lived as though we are separated from Your steadfast love,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When our loneliness has caused us to question Your abiding love,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have let others around us live in loneliness, when all they need is a listening ear,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have separated ourselves from the Church, from friends, from our families,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord God, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” 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.

People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “Your Love Defends Me” Matt Maher

Verse 1

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Verse 2

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war already won
I know the war is already won

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Bridge

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion
My salvation Hallelujah

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: You treasure us, O Lord, and You steadfastly love Your chosen people. In the midst of even the worst things that can happen to us, we are more than

conquerors through the love of Jesus. Help us to know the peace that Your presence brings in the midst of our troubles, and guide us toward the kingdom You promised; 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: Page 124

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28–39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any

charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the Reading.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44–52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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 PRAISE SONG: “Living Hope”
Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1
How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There’s salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
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Chorus
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
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Jesus Christ my living hope

Ending
Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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: “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”
Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1
What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2
The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3
No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4
With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
(Repeat)

Ending
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me

COMMUNION SONG: “God Really Loves Us” Glover | Bowe | Crowder | Sojka

Verse 1
I've got a friend Closer than a brother There is no judgement
Oh how He loves me I've got a friend

And He is my strength He is my portion With me in the valley
With me in the fire With me in the storm

Pre-chorus
Let all my life testify

Chorus
Hallelujah We are not alone God really loves us God really loves us Hallelujah
Oh praise my soul God really loves us God really loves us

Verse 2
His mercy's enough His grace is sufficient So come if you're needing
Forgiveness or healing His mercy's enough

Oh, and this is our hope The cross it has spoken Death is no more
Christ is the Lord Oh this is our hope

Chorus
Hallelujah We are not alone God really loves us God really loves us Hallelujah
Oh praise my soul God really loves us God really loves us

Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!

Bridge
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DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “God So Loved” A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

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

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