

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

The Gospel stories of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship and hear the Gospel account shared today, let us see that Jesus is truly the Son of God!

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “My Lighthouse” © Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
(Repeat 3 times)

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
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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: “Oh My Strength” © Jacob Daniel

Verse 1

Oh my strength, come quickly now Be not far from where I am
There is no one here to help me Lord Lonely footprints in the sand

Verse 2

Oh my strength, come quickly now For my voice has words to say
How can You even hear me Lord When I cannot speak Your name?

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love

Verse 3

Oh my strength, come quickly now Bring my focus back to You
Help to dim other desires Lord And my life be Your love’s proof

Verse 4

Oh my strength, come quickly now It gets harder every day
Please hands hold back my enemies So my weakened voice can say

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love

Bridge

Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words
Oh be present in my heart Oh God
Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words
Oh be present in my heart Oh God

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love
I am loved by an everlasting love

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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. 296

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars

sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,
when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’? Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment. The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken. Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.

Here ends the reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For

Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Here ends the Reading.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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: “Oceans” (Where Feet May Fail) Hillsong UNITED

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep My faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed and You won't start
now

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior

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Chorus

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My soul will rest in Your embrace For I am Yours and You are mine

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: “At the Cross” (Love Ran Red)
Tomlin | Cash | Armstrong | Myrin | Redman

Verse 1

There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

Verse 2

There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Bridge

Here my hope is found Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow down

Bridge

Here my hope is found Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow down

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

COMMUNION SONG: The Lord Is My Salvation
Jonas Myrin | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Nathan Nockels

Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my Salvation

Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is my Salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Ending

The Lord is my Salvation The Lord is my Salvation

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DISMISSAL and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Rescuer” Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Bridge

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(Repeat Bridge)

End Chorus

He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

SEND OFF

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