

Third Sunday After Pentecost (21st June, 2020)

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M: If we have been united with him in a death like his,

All: **we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven *LHS 465*

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like Thee His praise should sing.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

- 2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious is His faithfulness.**

- 3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.**

- 4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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L: St Paul says:
Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death?
Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us and help us to live
our new life of faith.

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own
fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life.
Amen.**

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the
grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and
by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Sing to the Lord,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: praise the Lord!

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: For he has delivered the life of the needy,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for new life in Christ.

Thank you, loving God,

that we have been baptised into Christ's death.

We pray that, as you raised him from death, we too live a new life, dead to sin, but alive for you in Jesus Christ.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading – Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah struggles with his calling

Jeremiah said: ⁷You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹²Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – Romans 6:1b-11

Dead to sin, but alive to Christ

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said: 'Those who find their life will lose it,

All: **and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'**

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:24-39

(Spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord,**

Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ

Jesus said to the twelve apostles: ²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn ““a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— ³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ ³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: *(Spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus,

for giving up your life for us.

Help us to trust in you more than everything else.

Amen.

Hymn – Once He Came In Blessing LH 4

- 1. Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing,
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us.
Hope and freedom gave us.**

- 2. Still He comes within us,
Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to truth convert us
From our foolish errors,
Ere He comes in terrors.**

- 3. Thus if we have known Him,
Not ashamed to own Him,
Nor have spurned Him coldly,
But will trust Him boldly,
He will then receive us,
Heal us, and forgive us.**

- 4. Those who then are loyal,
Find a welcome royal;
Come then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us;
Let us here confess You,
Till in heaven we bless You.**

*Music: 15th cent. M. Weisse's 'Ein New Gesengbuchlen' 1531;
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Sermon

**All: 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Offering Hymn – Have no fear, little flock

LHS 867

- 1. Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the Kingdom;
have no fear, little flock.**

- 2. Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love for ever;
have good cheer, little flock.**

**3. Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above.**

**4. Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!**

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann 1930-;

Words: V.1 based on Luke 12:32

vs 2-4 Marjorie Jillson 1931-

L: Lord, you have given us the privilege
of being your servants,
telling other people about you
and showing your compassion through our actions.
Give us courage to serve you
and not to count the cost.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer of the church

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,**

**and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

M: Go in peace to take up your cross and follow the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Song – Walking Down The Road AT 87

**1. When the day has begun,
and the darkness is done,
and my eyes see the sky so blue,
I put on my clothes,
I'm ready to go
walkin' down the road with you.**

Chorus

**So I'm walkin' down the road, walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.**

**2. You know how it goes
when I'm walkin' the road,
I'm a child, everything seems new.
I trip, hurt my knees,
lose my way in the trees,
so I'm walkin' down the road with you.**

Chorus

**So I'm walkin' down the road, walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.**

- 3. You can see where to go,
feel the wind as it blows
in the day and the night-time too.
You know when to run,
when to rest in the sun,
so I'm walkin' down the road with you.**

Chorus

**So I'm walkin' down the road, walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.**

- 4. Oh, stay by my side,
Jesus, you be my guide,
don't you know how I trust in you.
Show me where I should call,
pick me up when I fall,
as I'm walkin' down the road with you.**

Chorus

**So I'm walkin' down the road, walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.**

**So I'm walkin' down the road, walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road,
walkin' down the road with you.**

