

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (9th August, 2020)

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M: The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

All: **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

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

C: **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn – Take Thou my
hand and lead me *LH 301***

- 1. Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect and feed me
From day to day.
Without your grace and favour
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Saviour,
And lead the way.**
- 2. Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For you, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.**
- 3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

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M: Those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Therefore let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us;

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: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy,**

L: for he is speaking peace to his faithful people, Christ have mercy,

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for the preaching of God’s word.
Ever-loving God,
send out messengers to proclaim
your victory over death to the whole world,
so that people everywhere
hear the good news,
and receive eternal life.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

The Lord appears to Elijah

⁹There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” ¹¹The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” ¹⁵The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13 (*Spoken responsively*)

M: ⁸ I will listen to what God the Lord says;

All: **he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.**

M: ⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

All: **that his glory may dwell in our land.**

M: ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;

All: **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

M: ¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

All: **and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

M: ¹² The Lord will indeed give what is good,

All: **and our land will yield its harvest.**

M: ¹³ Righteousness goes before him

All: **and prepares the way for his steps.**

Second Reading – Romans 10:5-15

The word of the Lord is near you

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ 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) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ 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: ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Alleluia, alleluia.

The disciples cried out in fear; but Jesus said,

All: **'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'**

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus walks on the water

²² Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

“It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage!

It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for showing yourself as the Son of God.
Help us always to trust and worship you.
Amen.**

Gospel Hymn – Be still, my soul *LHS 854*

- 1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul:
thy best, thy heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2. Be still, my soul:
when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**
- 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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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 Song – Jesus, please watch over us AT101

1. As we step from edge of morning,
Feet can't tell where to take us;
Here's a light that will shine for ever,
Here's the light that will guide us.

Chorus:

*Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.*

2. Trouble comes, and we search for safety,
We forget that you hold us;
Fill our minds so that we remember,
Say once more that you love us.

Chorus:

*Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.*

3. **Danger meets us at every moment,
Death is never in hiding;
You are stronger than any danger,
You are stronger than dying.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

4. **In your life is the Father's welcome,
In your death there is freedom;
Be our life and our death for ever,
Be our new resurrection.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

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L: Lord, thank you for caring for us
and providing us with all we need and much more.
Strengthen our faith as we live our everyday lives.
Make us bold and confident in trusting you
and serving you and other people.

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. Trust the Lord as you step out boldly.

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 Hymn – LH 347

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

- 1. Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Strong deliverer,**

**Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises,
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

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