**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 23, 2022**

MEN: O Lord, open my lips,

**WOMEN:** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

MEN: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**WOMEN:** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

 **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

 **Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
 Be wholly Thine!**

**2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
 My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire!**

**3 While life’s dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.**

**4 When ends life’s transient dream,
When death’s cold, sullen stream
 Shall o’er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!**

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Reading Genesis 4:1–15

L A reading from Genesis, chapter 4.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

L A reading from 2 Timothy, chapter 4.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading Luke 18:9–17

L A reading from Luke, chapter 18.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Responsory

MEN: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

**WOMEN:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

MEN: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

**WOMEN:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

MEN: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**WOMEN:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Sermon “Through Me” 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

664 Fight the Good Fight

**1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

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Offering

Prayer

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy;**

**Christ, have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

C **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.**

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
 Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**D 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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