

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 26, 2021**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**G who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G Amen.**

**Introit**

*Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13*

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
**your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**  
Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,  
**give praise, O servants of the LORD,**  
who stand in the house of the LORD,  
**in the courts of the house of our God!**  
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
**sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**  
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
**your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**  
For the LORD will vindicate his people

and have compassion on his servants.  
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.  
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
**your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

**Kyrie**

- G Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**G and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**G And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**G Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 36:1–3, 20–25*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 1:13–25*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 24:3–14*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** 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, died and was 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.

## 523 O Word of God Incarnate

- O** Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.
- The Church from You, dear Master,**  
Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to You.
- O** make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

**1** Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
“Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—

Who will bear the sheaves away?”

Loud and long the Master calleth;

Rich reward He offers thee.

Who will answer, gladly saying,

“Here am I, send me, send me”?

**2** Some take up His task in morning,  
To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday,  
Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting,  
Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty  
That God's Word so richly yields.

**3** For as rain and snow from heaven  
Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower,  
Giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise,  
Words of life and joy and peace—  
Never void to Him returning,  
Bearing fruit with great increase.

**4** Harken to the Lord whose coming  
Marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers  
He in glory shall descend.  
Soon the night, the final harvest;  
Soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His grace has garnered  
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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