



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: John Lange

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP— Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN# 259

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band

upon the Mount of Olives stand;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*and with his faithful followers see
their Lord ascend into majesty.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #473

1 And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, should die for me!

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

3 O Lord, our homeward path bend

That our unwearied hearts ascend,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Where, seated on your Father's throne,

You reign as King of kings alone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 "O risen Christ, ascend Lord,

All praise to you let earth accord;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!

Who can explore His strange design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries

To sound the depths of love divine!

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,

Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,

So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love,

*And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]*

I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

*4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;*

*5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
[Refrain]*

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Ephesians 2:14–18**

We believe that Christ himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we all have access to the Father by one Spirit. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sharon Bryant

ANTHEM

"Our Great Savior"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 1:15-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

"The Hope of Glory"

Colossians: All Because of Jesus

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. — Colossians 1:27

***CLOSING HYMN #543**

*1 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
never to part.*

*2 Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me
shield in the strife;*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Christ Beside Me

*Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising
light of my life.*

*3 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
never to part*