

**Sunday, November 14, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**



Thought: We live in an age in which, there are many endings. Amid pandemics and social unrest, cultural divisions, honest confrontation with racism, our time is a time of ending and relinquishment. Many things are being dissolved or dismantled, denied or detested...endings. Jesus comes to us even amid the endings - God is with us. God is creatively busy making our endings, our disturbances and setbacks into God's promised, intended future. Christ will come again!

Prelude –

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: God, you are the one who leads us,

C: Lead us, O God.

A: God, you are the one who blesses us,

C: Bless us, O God.

A: God, you are the one who lifts us when we call,

C: We praise you, O God. Come let us worship you.

Gathering Hymn

<https://youtu.be/BZbFbRQaRlw>

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand – St. Martin's Lutheran
Church

#441 Verses 1 and 2

1 *Oh, happy day when we shall stand
amid the heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts from ev'ry land
the new celestial song,
the new celestial song.*

2 *Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come
and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet in their new home
which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.*

Invocation

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

P: Lord of all, we get so focused on ourselves sometimes that we do not see the beauty and hope in front of us.

A time for silence and reflection

We all face certain hardships in our lives...

C: and, we don't always ask for help or guidance from you, Immanuel, God with us. Help us, and guide us in our hardships and selfish ways, O God, as only you can. Remind us that we are not alone in our fear or frustration, because you are our continued help and stronghold. Help us to receive your love and grace. Amen.

P: Know this, children of God: you are loved, you are worthy, in Christ you are forgiven.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise

https://youtu.be/0ngW_dibtWU

Jerusalem, My Happy Home – St. Clements Choir

Prayer of the Day

A: You have promised birth-pangs, O God –

C: labor and sweat, earthquake and famine.

A: You have promised birth-pangs, O God –

C: nations rising up, kingdoms crumbling.

A: Remind us that they are BIRTH-pangs –

C: that something is being BORN...that LIFE is rising.

A: For you are a God who promises LIFE –

C: Not only promises...but brings it into being.

A: You are a God who promises ETERNAL life.

C: Fill us with you Spirit, O God.

A: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Daniel 12:1-3
The deliverance of God's people at the end

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who up hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right
hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle reading – Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

The way to God opened through Christ's death

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Mark 13:1-8

<https://youtu.be/qOMluMOIPog>

The end and the coming of the Son

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”

²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God message

https://youtu.be/DWW6_hlGn9A

Homily – “How Does the Story End?”

Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/PIHTfpaN6is>

Hymn of the Day

<https://youtu.be/LL2llpfih9U>

Give to Our God Immortal Praise – Shenandoah Christian Music
Camp
#848 – All Verses

- 1 *Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.*

- 2 *God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.*

- 3 *Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!*

Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and Explanation

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A: What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith.

**In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.
On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.**

A: This is most certainly true.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A: God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters (*recent natural disasters may be named*). Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders

who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved (*especially*). Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Offering – a time of silence and prayer

Offertory Prayer

A: You have made us wise, O God,

C: wise to bow before you...wise to offer you these gifts of praise.

A: Build up within us your good and holy wisdom.

C: Then we “shall shine like the brightness of the sky...like the stars forever and ever.”

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all places give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God – Communion Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Words of Institution

The 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 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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

OR

<https://youtu.be/unSxllUzzY4>

What Feast of Love – Mary Munson

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: You have led us to this table, O Christ,

C: even as you will lead us, at last, to life eternal.

A: Let us not be led astray, O Christ, that, in the time intervening,

C: we might serve you wholly.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

<https://youtu.be/51E9b8DwpJw>

My Lord, What a Morning – arr. Jay Althouse
#438 – All Verses

Refrain

*My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.*

- 1 *You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain***

- 2 *You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain***

- 3 *You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain***

Dismissal

A: Let us shine like the stars forever and ever as we follow Jesus.

C: We go to bring the brightness of the good news!

Postlude

