

2020 10 11 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

C: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: 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 that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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. Peace be with you!

C: Amen.

PSALM 106:1-5

P: Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all His praise?**

Blessed are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!

**Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;
help me when You save them,**

That I may look upon the prosperity of Your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
that I may glory with Your inheritance.

**C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray that we may depend on God.

C: Lord, You have called us to open our hands so that You might fill them. Open not only our hands, but our hearts also, so that we recognise Your goodness, count all things loss in comparison with You, and desire to be made like You. 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.

Amen.

READING

P: Our Scripture reading for today comes from **Matthew 22:1-14**

“And again, Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So, the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to You, 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, 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.

SERMON for today is based on **Matthew 22:1-14**

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sermon “About those attitudes...”

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray!

C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray for the Church of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, for the leaders of the Church, or our bishops and for all pastors and missionaries, for all those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbour in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ, for all their needs and for all their loved ones entrusting them into Your hands, and today especially for Roger Both, Sandy Both, Sarah Winter, Holly Winter, Joel Winter, Simon Both, Ally Gosson, Kirsty Burgess, Aiden Burgess, Maya Burgess. Bless them and keep them in true Christian fellowship with You and with Your Son Jesus through Your Holy Spirit.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for Margaret

Moll, Bob and Pat Taplin and for all those we name silently in our hearts, that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace...

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We give You thanks that You have heard our prayers on behalf of pastor Darrin Kohrt, thanks for providing competent and caring medical specialists and for the successful surgery, grant pastor Darrin strength to heal and recover and graciously restore his health and well-being.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces and police, and for all of us as citizens and neighbours in this country.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those preparing for Baptism, for the catechumens, and for the places where we gather to teach and learn God's Word.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the dawn of God's eternal day, for an end to death and sorrow, for the comfort of those who grieve, and for the strength of those facing death.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For our communion upon the body and blood of the Lord, and for hearts that burn with desire for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom in this place.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For grace, that we may hear and heed the invitation of our Lord and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of His righteousness.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ and to fill us with contentment, that trusting in Your gracious will for all things, our hearts may enjoy perfect rest and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.