

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:  
O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
- C** We are embarrassed to come before you,  
for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble,  
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.  
And therefore we are embarrassed.  
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.
- P** O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.
- C** Incline your ear to our troubles.  
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.  
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,  
but on the ground of your great mercy -  
on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
It is in his name that we pray,  
for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.  
Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:  
"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those  
who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear  
him."  
**C** Amen.

# Opening Hymn

# His Mercy is More



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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# Psalm

*Psalm 112:1-6*

- P** Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
 who greatly delights in his commandments!
- C** **Wealth and riches are in his house,  
 and his righteousness endures forever.**
- P** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
 he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- C** **It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
 who conducts his affairs with justice.**
- P** For the righteous will never be moved;  
 he will be remembered forever.
- C** **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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,  
<sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood  
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .  
<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.  
<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and you exact taxes of grain from him,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not dwell in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and turn aside the needy in the gate.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,  
for it is an evil time.  
<sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
as you have said.  
<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 3:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”  
<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of  
 Your par - don is a gift of love; Your grace a - lone must  
 Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a -

plead - ing. Bend down Your gra - cious ear, I pray, Your hum - ble  
 save us. Our works will not re - move our guilt; the strict - est  
 bound - eth. His help - ing love no lim - it knows; our ut - most

ser - vant heed - ing. If You re - mem - ber each mis -  
 life would fail us. Let none in deeds or mer - its  
 need it sound - eth. Our kind and faith - ful Shep - herd

deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re -  
 boast, but let us own the Ho - ly Ghost, for He a -  
 He, who will set all His peo - ple free from all their

main be - fore You? On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.  
 lone can change us: On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.  
 sin and sor - row: On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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

Sermon

## Prayer

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.

## Holy Communion



**Distribution Hymn #560**

**Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed**



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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**Distribution Hymn #542**

**When I Behold Jesus Christ**



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf - fered pain;  
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor - tured, tried;  
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



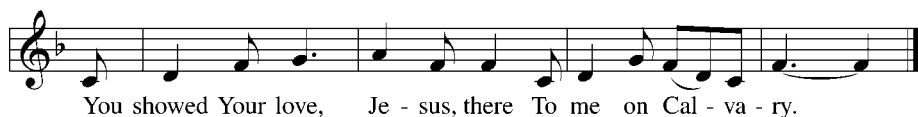
I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



*Refrain*  
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



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## Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.

## Closing Hymn #922

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Benediction

- 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 favor and give you peace.
- A** Amen.

## Announcements

### Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** – 6:30- 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

- **Zoom Bible Study** (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM. Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

### Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study:** 9:00 AM

St. James youth are taking orders for **Christmas Wreaths** to support their trip to the Youth Gathering July 2022. Don't miss out on these wonderful, fresh, very aromatic wreaths which will be delivered to you the first week of December. The candle ring wreath is \$20 and is about 14" in diameter. The door wreath is about 22" in diameter and is \$35. There is a sign up on the church office bulletin board. Please deposit payment in the locked mailbox on the office door. Or you can contact a youth or the church office if you would like to order one. Thank you so much in advance. God's blessings!

### St. James is in need of individuals interested in the following areas:

- Substitute Sunday School Teachers
- Live Stream Production Assistants
- Musicians (vocal and instrumental)

If you would like to serve in one of these capacities, please contact Cheryl the church office.



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