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Ardmore, Pennsylvania
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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* David Cherwien

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnesses to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

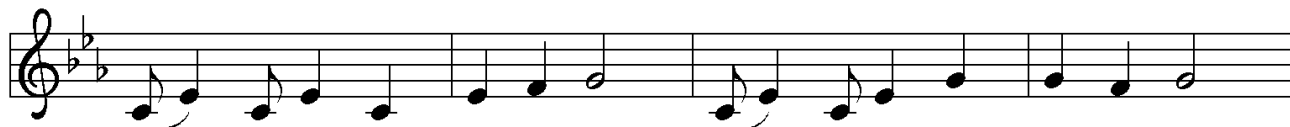
GREETING

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

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Reader/ A reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO
Jason Gagliardi, baritone

I'll Praise My Maker
Wilber Held

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his

produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



- sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



- bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



- lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/cracker and wine/grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you
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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Communion

Communion will be in one kind, bread only. Both the body and blood of Christ are fully present in each element. The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the host only once you have returned to your pew.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

J. S. Bach

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

Blessing of the Animals- St. Paul's parking lot, 2-3:30 pm

- 10/5 Women's Gathering, Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10/7 Evening Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10/8 Women's Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 1:00 pm
- 10/11 Holy Communion, 10:00 am
- Confirmation Class- Zoom meeting, 6:00 pm

Today

Blessing of the Animals

2:00 – 3:30 pm

St. Paul's parking lot

Bring your animals, photos or stuffed animals for a drive through socially distant blessing!

Zoom Style

Women's Gathering

Monday, October 5

7:00 pm

Contact the office or Beth McElvenney for the link.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 12

8 am – 6 pm

(double drive)

Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org & search sponsor code: StPaulArdmore, or contact Christina Wagner at cmwagner97@gmail.com

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Barb Dieter, Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Tom Keyser, Betty Lash, Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Allen Sack (uncle of Jason Sack); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)

We are continuing our congregational support to our partner congregation Mediator, Philadelphia, and the Ardmere Food Pantry. The church has many fixed expenses including staff salaries and care of the building. We encourage you to continue giving to support our ministry, as you are able to in these times. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.





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