

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2020

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

The light God shines forth in Jesus Christ changes everything. The world as we know it is passing away and becoming something gloriously new. In Jesus Christ, God's kingdom is coming ... and is already here. This is good news indeed.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Listen for the wisdom of God, as we enter the Word. Pray for understanding, as we invoke loving kindness and justice into living Word.

***SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20**

*** OPENING HYMN: #145Morning Has Broken**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord gather this day for worship!

People: We were once condemned by our sins and now we know the mercy of God.

Leader: God sent the prophets to call us back into God's will.

People: And God is true and faithful to all who hear and obey the holy word.

Leader: Let us proclaim the righteousness of the Lord for all the world to hear!

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

O creator and sustaining God, you called us to faithful obedience through the prophets and you sent us your Son as a witness to your love and grace. Here, we come together to praise your holy name, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #399 Take My Life**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

O God, even from the Garden of Eden you have not left us without your presence. Your justice has always been true, and when we would not be faithful, we have often known the bitter fruits of our disobedience. Forgive us, O Lord, and call us anew to carry your word to every corner of the globe with joyful praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #507..... Through It All**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Listen for God's word of hope with new ears and fresh faith: Here is God's good news. Now is the time. God's kingdom is at hand.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"We are different"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

CLOSING HYMN: #338 (vs 1 & 4)Where He Leads Me

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Today's Scripture Readings -- August 23, 2020

Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go ^[a] therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." ^[b] Amen.

Second Scripture Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5 (NKJV)

Jonah Preaches at Nineveh

3 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, ^[a] a three-day journey *in extent*. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

The People of Nineveh Believe

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

Jonah 3:10

¹⁰ Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.



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