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## The Twenty-third Sunday after the Epiphany

November 13, 2022

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Guide Me, O Great Redeemer"      Robert Lind

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**      Hymnal p. 733

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.  
Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.  
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!**

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## **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

**P:** Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to set forth Your praise, to hear Your Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ, and sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**This Is the Feast**

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all Creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and  
the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia. *Refrain***

**COLLECT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Malachi 4:1–6

**L:** The first reading for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter four of Malachi.

*The day of the Lord is coming.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98

L: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**C: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.  
The Lord has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of  
Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**C: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before  
the Lord,  
for He comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**C: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

**A: 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.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

L: The second reading is from chapter three of Thessalonians.

*Paul warns against idleness.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 21:5–28

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke, chapter twenty-one.

**C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus prophesies the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**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, died and was 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Hymnal p. 508

The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.  
The final trumpet then shall sound  
And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground  
Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour,  
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.  
The books are opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In thought and words and actions.  
Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!

With shame an trembling they will stand  
And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

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**SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**VOLUNTARY**

Meditation in C

John Dixon

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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 His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: (*sung*)Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Hymnal p. 919

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heavenly brightness Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

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## POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Rex Gloriae"

Anthony Giamanco

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office

open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Home communions are available after worship and at the church office Monday through Friday 9am-Noon. Please write on the clipboard to whom you are taking communion.

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