

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John's Tide
August 5-6, 2023
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Prelude

Confession and Absolution (*stand*)

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Introit *Tell of All His Wondrous Works* Ps. 105:39–43; antiphon: Ps.105:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

He spread a cloud for a | covering,*
and fire to give | light by night.

They asked, and he | brought quail,*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.

He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;*
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,*
and Abraham, his | servant.

So he brought his people | out with joy,*
his chosen ones with | singing.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie and Gloria

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Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Compassion of the Lord*

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

- A This is the word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle *God's Sovereign Choice*

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

- A This is the word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Psalms 78:25

- C **Al- le- | lu- ia.* Al- le- | lu- ia.**
- A Man ate of the bread of the | angels;*
- he sent them food in a- | bundance.
- C **Al- le- | lu- ia.* Al- le- | lu- ia.**

Holy Gospel *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand*

Matthew 14:13-21

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

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "The Law of God is Good and Wise"

tune: TALLIS' CANON

All **The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.**

All **Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.**

Women **To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.**

Men **But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

All **The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.**

All **To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

Sermon "Not the Law but the Promise"

Romans 9:1-13

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

congregation responds "Hear our prayer"

Offering (*sit*)

Preface (*stand*)

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Distribution (*sit*) "O Living Bread from Heaven"

tune: AURELIA

1 **O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.**

2 **My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given**

**What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**

**3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.**

**4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

Nunc Dimittis (*stand*)

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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Postlude