

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming

Eight Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude Music

Welcome

Welcome to our in-person and online worship to start the week in the Lord! The Episcopal church has a recent marketing campaign that features bumper stickers and other materials saying, “you are loved.” It perhaps sounds trite in such a campaign, but today’s lessons highlight Jesus illustrating just how true this is. It’s a message as important today as it ever was.

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

Dear heavenly Father, I confess that I have too often fallen back on human ways of looking at my life. Even though I hear Your words about how I am of great value to you, I act as though I must get what I can, when I can get it. My lack of faith has often turned me inward, away from the love of others that Your Son showed during His life. Forgive me for my lack of faith and my fearful selfishness, and by Your Holy Spirit, help me live with the priorities of one who is both saved and loved. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Absolution

You *are* of great value to God -- so much so, that Jesus came and laid down his life for You. He sold all he had that he might purchase you, not with gold or silver, but with His own precious blood, and innocent suffering and death. In light of that great price, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of that promise, announce to you the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music - Jesus, Priceless Treasure, *Koine*

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine,
O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee,
Naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash
And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r
Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore him,
Silent bow before him.

Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure;
Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss
Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since he deigns to love me.

Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations...

Epistle Reading - Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ [Jesus continued,] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Children’s Sermon Pastor Ed

The Apostles’ Creed

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 whence He shall 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.

(Prayer announcements)

Offering Music - God of the Living, *Kip Fox*

God of the living, give us this day
A new beginning, covered in grace.
Fill us with kindness, patience and love.
Always remind us what you have done.

Chorus

You have raised us up from death to life
By your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Sending him to save,
Vanquishing the grave,
Worthy is your name,
God of the living.

God of the living, teach us your ways
So we can follow paths you have made.
Give us the courage when we're afraid.
Give us assurance when comforts fade.

Chorus

Bridge

Every heart a new creation,
Every morning a new day.

Chorus

Prayers of the Congregation

The 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. Amen.

Music - Seek Ye First, *Karen Lafferty*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu Alleluia

Meditation – Preacher Ely Prieto

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Final Music - I Know That My Redeemer Lives, *Concordia*

I know that my Redeemer lives; / What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; / He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; / He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; / He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply; / He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;/ He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; / He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; / He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with His love; / He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; / He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend; / He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; / He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; / He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; / He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! / He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives; / I know that my Redeemer lives!

Chat Time