

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. This part of the Church Year focuses on *Jesus' Grace Is All In All To Us*.

The Sunday The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world. Jesus' Grace is All in All to Us...It leads us to recognize when we are the problem.

Opening Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be Hymn 469:1-4



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Numbers 11:16,24-29

The point here is again the humility of Moses. He rejoiced in the gifts that God gave to his people and desired that those gifts be even more abundant to the glory of God and the benefit of God's children. Thus, as in the gospel lesson, service to the glory of God is our goal, be it the service of the greatest of the prophets, that of the seventy chosen by God to assist, or that of those in the assembly with still other gifts from the Lord. For not one of us has all of God's gifts to meet the needs of each one of those we serve. That should keep each one humble as each looks for opportunities to serve while giving thanks for the gifts that others have and use in service. So which is the dominant tendency in our hearts? Do we marvel and give thanks for the gifts that God has given to others and the opportunities he give us for service? Or do we grumble that no one properly marvels at how gifted I am or sufficiently appreciates the service that I render to those who don't really deserve it?

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

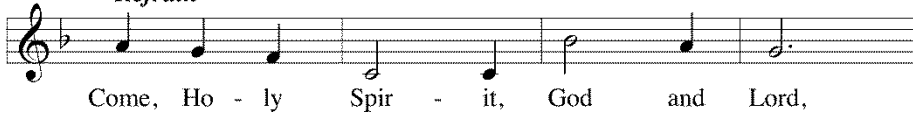
²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (NIV)

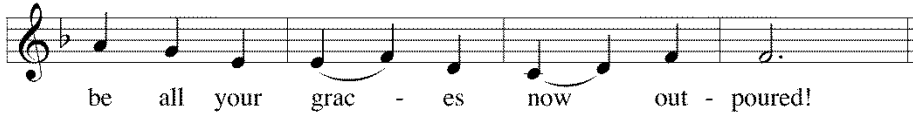
Psalm of the Day We will sing the refrain and read the verses

Psalm 51b

Refrain

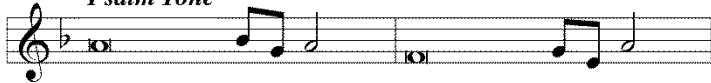


Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, God and Lord,



be all your grac - es now out - poured!

Psalm Tone



O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:12-18a

How might you re-write this reading? Might it go something like this: *Nobody is fair, not even God! Look what I get for my faithfulness! Prison, chains, pain, isolation! And do the people I served sufficiently appreciate what I am*

going through? Not at all! Instead some even take advantage of my absence to recruit followers for themselves at my expense! It's not fair; I can't even defend myself, much less lash them with my tongue for their ungrateful self seeking! But that's not Paul. He is not in the business of giving God advice on how things ought to be. He trusts that God is in charge, and that even those who are self seeking in their preaching may serve a purpose. To the extent that they still preach the gospel, the Holy Spirit can work to create faith in spite of the motives of the preacher. Paul is not, of course, expressing indifference either to motives or to false doctrine. He is expressing confidence in God and in the power of the gospel. Again, we marvel at how deeply the love of Christ had penetrated the heart of the former persecutor and Pharisee. His is a profound love for Christ caused by the profound love of Christ.

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)

Stand

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Again we hear about ambition and Jesus teaches us the difference between God pleasing ambition and ambition that only looks God pleasing on the outside. But how hard that distinction is to learn and live! Everybody wants to be the boss. But Jesus shows us that the important thing is humble service. The great sin is anything in me that gets in the way of such humble service devoted to his glory alone and in accord with his Word. What a powerful preaching of the law there is in this text! Would it ever occur to us to amputate our limbs if they got in the way of our entrance into heaven or of our service to one another? Would we not finally have to cut out our hearts, the seat of desire, and then amputate the head, the throne of memory? After all, the limbs are but the instruments of the heart and the mind, that is, ultimately of the soul itself. How will we amputate those? All that is left to us is to cry: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Pardon, cleanse, and restore me, that I may serve not self but you, not for my own gain, but for the benefit of those who bear the cross with me!

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to

enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.”^[Isaiah 66:24]

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay Hymn 192



Tri - une God, oh, be our stay And let us per - ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly;



Grant us to trust you sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and



low - ly. Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true



Chris - tians run - ning Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning

The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning. A - men, a - men!

This be done; So sing we, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German litany, 14th century, adapt.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.
 Tune: GOTT DER VATER WOHN UNS BEI (77 77 77 7 D) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

Sermon

Mark 9:38-50

Grace Leads Us To Recognize When We Are The Problem

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be Hymn 469:5,6



5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall
be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it
is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

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