SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 7

Extending the Kingdom

AS WE GATHER

In the Readings for today, we see God’s desire to extend His kingdom to all people. In the Old Testament Reading, God says, “Here am I” to a nation that was not Israel. In the Epistle, we see that race, economic status, and gender do not disqualify anyone from being saved by Christ. God’s kingdom is for all people. In the Gospel, Jesus embarks to the country of the Gerasenes and casts out a legion of demons from a man. Jesus frees this demon-possessed man and brings him into His kingdom. As we seek to extend God’s kingdom, we share the Gospel with people from every tribe, nation, and language group. Jesus binds together shattered lives, disarms sin with forgiveness, heals with mercy. It is a call for us to do the same with no partiality!
GATHERING SONG

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS: What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now  CHORUS

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God you reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

※ PREPARATION ※

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG  WHO YOU SAY I AM

Hillsongs

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

CHORUS: Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I’m a child of God Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me  CHORUS

In my Father’s house There’s a place for me I’m a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am

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I am who You say I am  CHORUS

In my Father’s house There’s a place for me I’m a child of God Yes I am
INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In this world we are surrounded by enemies,
People: but Christ sets us free.
Pastor: Sin has enslaved us all,
People: but Christ forgives us.
Pastor: We deserve death for our sinful lives,
People: but Christ is risen and will raise us as well.
Pastor: We are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan,
People: but Christ is present and protects us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In Eden, our first parents listened to the voice of Satan and disobeyed the voice of God. By their actions they allowed sin and death into world. We have continued in their footsteps, enslaved to sin, bound to die, and all too often captive to the voice of Satan. Let us go before our God and Father, confessing our sins and asking Him for forgiveness. Heavenly Father,
People: we confess that we are in captivity to sin. We are powerless to overcome death. On our own, we are no match for the power of Satan. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Free us from our enemies. Restore our broken relationships with You and with one another.
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you so that your sins may be forgiven, that death would be destroyed, and that Satan would be defeated. 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.
People: Amen. We are freed from our enemies. We are freed to serve in God’s kingdom.

☼ WORD ☼

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9
(Though God seeks all people, many reject Him.)

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’ All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in
ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; who say, ‘Keep away; don’t come near me, for I am too sacred for you!’ Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.

“See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps—both your sins and the sins of your fathers,” says the Lord. “Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds.”

This is what the Lord says: “As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and men say, ‘Don’t destroy it, there is yet some good in it,’ so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-4:7
(In Christ we are liberated from the Law and adopted as heirs.)

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
(Jesus liberates a man possessed by many demons.)

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”
“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear.

So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.
SONG OF THE DAY   AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)   Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.  

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.  

CHORUS My chains are gone. I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.  

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures. CHORUS X2  

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.  

SERMON “Reality Realized” Rev. Richard Langness  

APOSTLES’ CREED Text found in the back of the Hymnal.  

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  
THE SHARING OF THE PEACE  

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: And also with you.  

OFFERING YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL Jernigan  
You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool. You are my All in All.

CHORUS: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All. CHORUS

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.

Come to the Table

*SACRAMENT*

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you. [Colossians 3:1]
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord. [Psalm 136]
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER  
Matthew 6:9–13  
Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

COME TO JESUS  
Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner Lost and left to die
O, raise your head, for love is passing by
Come to Jesus Come to Jesus Come to Jesus and live!

And like a newborn baby Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk Sometimes we fall...so
Fall on Jesus Fall on Jesus Fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then
Cry to Jesus Cry to Jesus Cry to Jesus and live!

And when the love spills over And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside, then
Dance for Jesus Dance for Jesus Dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat Kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and
Fly to Jesus Fly to Jesus Fly to Jesus and live!
FREELY FREELY

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

CHORUS: He said freely freely You have received Freely freely give
Go in My name And because you believe
Others will know that I live

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to  

HEALING RAIN

Healing rain is coming down. It’s coming nearer to this old town;
Rich and poor, weak and strong, It’s bringing mercy, it won’t be long.

Healing rain is coming down. It’s coming closer to the lost and found.
Tears of joy and tears of shame are washed forever in Jesus’ name.

CHORUS: Healing rain, it comes with fire, so let it fall and take us higher;
And healing rain, I’m not afraid to be washed in heaven’s rain.

Lift your heads, let us return to the mercy seat where time began.
In your eyes I see the pain; come soak this dry heart with healing rain.

Only You, the Son of Man, could take a leper and let him stand.
So lift your hands, they can be held by someone greater, the great I AM. CHORUS

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

The body & the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION

Pastor:  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 favor and ☾ give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24–26

People:   Amen.
CLOSING SONG  DEATH WAS ARRESTED  Kersh/Coker/Balltzglier/Smith

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began  CHORUS

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began  CHORUS

Oh we're free free forever we're free Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began  (REPEAT)

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ Luke 8:39
### Serving in Worship

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Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. —Luke 8:39