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## Matthew 22:16

<sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to <u>F.M. 88.9</u>
Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This worship we will be using WOV Setting 5.

You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin.

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\Box$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through 
Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

\* Gathering Hymn

"Earth and All Stars!"

**ELW #731** 

\* Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

\* Kyrie

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P: Kyrie eleison.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christe eleison

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Kyrie eleison

#### \*Hymn of Praise

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C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God,...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Glory to God...

#### \* Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your images; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C:Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## \*Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

**Vicar Thomas Mosbo** 

\* Hymn of the Day "All My Hope on God is Founded" ELW#757

\* Nicene Creed WOV page 32

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Choir Anthem** 

"Sing Praise to God the Highest Good"

**Prayers of Intercession** 

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

# We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Sue Rush, Leona Block, Brady Meier, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Ethan Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Dena Rae, Vera Kempel, Jeri, Allie, Richard and Al. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family of Debra Mick.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

C: 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

## **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing ELW page 164

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 favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father,  $\oplus$  and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

\*Sending Hymn

"O God of Every Nation"

**ELW #713** 

\* Dismissal

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P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Attendance October 8<sup>th</sup>

*In-person, 33. Online, Online Views not available, technical issues.*