

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

PRELUDE

Variations I and II

Sweelinck (1562-1621)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The morning's light reveals the work of the Lord - see God's glory and rejoice! Draw near to the Lord, who enjoys our praise and attends our pleas;
rest in God's holy presence this day.
Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and
girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; o sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and bright is God's path on the wings
of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the
rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and
Friend!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, we confess the limits of our own generosity. We
acknowledge our roles as stewards of your creation but are reluctant to share what we have.
We admit you have promised to provide, but we fear running short. We compare and
complain, failing to trust in your grace. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Banish us
from all worries about tomorrow and give us generous hearts that trust in you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Greatorex (1816-1853)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 145:1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:16

SERMON

Scandal.

Rev. Patrick Pettit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into
hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the
Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the
Life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Routley (1917-1982)

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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
debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology Hymn 606*

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations IV

Sweelinck

Calendar

Monday, September 21

5:30 pm Crop Walk -Social distance walking thru downtown (Meet at the church)

Thursday, September 24

2-4 pm Food Bank

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Campbell Epes, Kathy Brown

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (Jen Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon