

## **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** (Reverend N. Collins)

Leader: Gracious God guide our hearts, guard our steps as we go forth with the Good News!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN (Please make the sign of the Cross)

## **CLOSING HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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*The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Evening Worship †

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DISCIPLESHIP CENTER Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING WE REFLECT**

(Reverend Collins, Inspired by 'Psalms 'Now' Psalm 146& LCMS setting 3)  
(Please stand if able)

**Leader:** The Psalmist warns us to not pin our hopes on the genius of man—

**ALL:** *Their ultimate end is the same for us all, and they become once more like the dust from which they came.*

**Leader:** The Psalmist continues to reflect: That person is secure who draws their strength from God.

**ALL:** *Ours is a God who created the earth & all upon it. Who can heal the wounds & mend the fractures of our disjointed world. He watches over His own while the path of the godless lead to their own destruction.*

**Leader:** Yes this is our God! Help us Gracious Lord to come to you now with repentant hearts.

*Silence is kept for reflection. (2 Mississippi's time!)*

**ALL:** *We confess and repent of our sins of omission and commission. Help and guide our hearts to be shaped into service. May we daily reflect, confess, repent and renew for the sake of the world out of love, peace, mercy & compassion.*

*Silence is kept for reflection. (2 Mississippi's time!)*

**Leader:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN** (Please make the sign of the Cross) †

**Scripture Lessons for the Evening** (please be seated)

### **A Reading from The Book of 1st Kings**

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of

the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”<sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.”<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from The Letter of Hebrews**

<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,<sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

*Please Stand*

**ALL: *Glory to You, O Lord***

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!<sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.<sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.<sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.<sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

***Sermon By Pastor Nicole***

**SERMON HYMN**

**PEACE**

**PRAYER CIRCLE**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD’S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Disciple’s Creed** *(Based on a young Zimbabwe pastor)*

**ALL:** I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

**Prayer for Spiritual Formation**

**Leader:** Dear Lord Jesus,

May our hearts truly realize

The great wealth You have given us

Grace is our New way to live

Teach us to be beacons of Love, light, kindness & selflessness

To all who cross our path

May Your Holy Living Word

Be our strength

Now & always—

**ALL: AMEN**

*(Please observe a moment of Silence)*