



November 7th, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious  
Thy great name we praise

To all life thou givest  
To both great and small  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish  
But naught changeth thee

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation**

**Leader:** Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Purity**

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Corporate Confession**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Absolution**

**Stronger**

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious  
  
Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me  
  
*You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me*

*It is written, Christ is risen  
Jesus, You are Lord of all  
  
No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross  
  
So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, Be lifted higher  
(repeat)*

## **Please be seated for a reading for the book of First Kings [21:1-19]**

Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Have you killed and also taken possession?"' And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood."'"

[Please see the insert for the New Testament and Gospel readings.]

### **Sermon: Managing God's Economy: Choosing God or Mammon**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** Join me in praying the collect of the day.

**Together:** *O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Leader:** Let us pray for the Church and the world. [Add your prayers verbally or silently after each petition.]

Oh Lord, show us your mercy *and grant us your salvation* [personal repentance and faith]

Clothe your ministers with righteousness *and make your chosen people joyful* [church leaders and people]

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world *for only in you can we live in safety* [worldwide justice and peace]  
Lord, keep this nation under your care *and guide us in the way of justice and truth* [our nation and national and local leaders]

Let your way be known upon earth, *Your saving health among all nations* [world mission]

Let not the needy, O Lord, Be forgotten *nor the hope of the poor be taken away* [local and global need]

Create in us clean hearts, O God *and sustain us with your Holy Spirit* [spiritual growth]

**Join me in praying this prayer for our pastor search:**

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this congregation that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**(Standing)** Passing of the Peace

**(Seated)** Announcements

**(Standing)** The Doxology

**(Standing)** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

**Leader:** It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**People:** *You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.*

**Leader:** In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**People:** *He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

**Leader:** On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**People:** *Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.*

**Leader:** At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**People:** *Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.*

**Leader:** As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**People:** *As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

**Leader:** With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

*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*

### Your Love is Strong

Heavenly Father You always amaze me  
Let Your kingdom come in my world  
and in my life  
Give me the food I need to live through today  
And forgive me as I forgive  
the people that wrong me  
Lead me far from temptation  
Deliver me from the evil one

I look out the window the birds are composing  
Not a note is out of tune or out of place  
I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers  
Better dressed than any girl on her wedding day  
So why should I worry why do I freak out  
God knows what I need You know what I need

*Your love is, Your love is  
Your love is strong  
(REPEAT)*

The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing  
Invade my heart invade this broken town  
The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure  
Would you sell yourself  
to buy the one you've found  
Two things You told me that You are strong  
And You love me yes You love me

Our God in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name above all names  
Your kingdom come Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us weary sinners  
Keep us far from our vices  
And deliver us from these prisons

### Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated  
Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as You choose

*Here am I, all of me  
Take my life, it's all for Thee*

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

### The Blessing

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ* All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*  
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ* And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

**Leader:** May God bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you, may he be gracious unto you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*