TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024

What Must I Do?

As We Gather

Jesus' conversation with the rich man seems to point out how childish the man is. The reality is that we all are tempted like him to believe that the things of this life are our real treasures and the works we do in this life determine if we are saved. The man could not let go of either—not of his own prospect of earning the kingdom of God nor of his many possessions and wealth that secured his life. The man was disheartened by the choice between Christ and these things when in reality there is no choice at all. Our wealth is temporary and relative and our works small and insufficient. Christ is the assurance of our salvation.

PREPARATION

Opening Songs

Today Is The Day

I'm casting my cares aside I'm leaving my past behind I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours Believing there's so much more Knowing that all You have in store for me is good It's good

Chorus:

Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it And I won't worry about tomorrow

I'm trusting in what You say Today is the day Today is the day

I putting my fears aside I'm leaving my doubts behind I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus

I'm reaching my hands to Yours Believing there's so much more Knowing that all You have in store for me is good It's good

Chorus

I will stand upon Your truth
I will stand upon Your truth
And all my days I'll live for You
All my days I'll live for You

And I will stand upon Your truth I will stand upon Your truth And all my days I'll live for You All my days I'll live

Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it

And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day
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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1:

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

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood his mercy reigns. Un-ending love, amazing grace

Verse 3:

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 2x

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.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 112:1; Philippians 1:6

- P Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
- who greatly delights in His commandments!
- P Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

- P Holy and merciful Lord,
- Your people come to You, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.
- **C** Amen. Thanks be to God.
- May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

The congregation may exchange the peace of the Lord.

WORD

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us. and for as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

Salutation

- The Lord be with you. P
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. P

> Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

a Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not dwell in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm* 91:11; 103:1

- P He will command His angels concerning you
- **C** to guard you in all your ways.
- P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Holy Gospel Mark 10:17–22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." ²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

Christ Is Risen (Matt Maher)

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame. But we fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him who showed great love And bled for us. Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death.

Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave. Christ is risen from the dead. We are one with Him again. Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will. No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, No burden great can hold You down. In strength, You reign, Forever, let Your church proclaim.

Chorus

(Bridge)

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing, O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead,
He's alive, He's alive.

Chorus (2x)

Rise up from the grave

CCLI License #174564 CCLI Song #5242683 Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes

Sermon

Guest Pastor, Rev. Ted Rellstab What Must I Do? Mark 10:17-22

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P God wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, to abide in Him by faith in His Word, and to pray for yourself and every condition of people. Lord God of hope, Your people cry to You because You have promised to have mercy upon us. Grant to us wisdom to hear the voice of Your commands and faith to grasp hold of the voice of Your promises in Christ, that abiding in Him we may be saved and be brought to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, keep us from trusting in our own works or merits and open our hearts to the voice of Your Word. Bless those who preach Your Word to us and those who serve us for the sake of Christ, that we may walk in Christ and not fall away because of unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **P** Lord God of hope, encourage us in time of trial, strengthen us before temptation, and humble us against pride and arrogance, that we may rejoice in

Christ and fulfill our baptismal calling to die to sin and rise to holiness of life and speech, glorifying You in all we say, think, and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, help us to live amid the war, violence, hate, and injustice of the world without becoming like it; guard those who govern in this and every land, that listening to Your voice, they may labor for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, we turn to You for healing, comfort, and peace in all the afflictions of the body and mind. Restore them to health according to Your will and grant them faith and patience so that they may endure through the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, with mercies new every morning, You continue to bless and sustain us; give us generous hearts that we may supply what is needed for Your church and the work of Your kingdom and share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, give Your blessing to the schools where our children learn and make those who teach faithful in their calling, that we may learn what is good, right, and true according to Your Word, and be kept in this faith until the day of Christ's return in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, give unity to those gathered around Your Table that we may receive this communion of Christ's body and blood with repentant hearts and confident faith, and equip us by this Sacrament to serve You faithfully and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, we recall the saints who lived and died in Christ and we pray You to bring us with them to the day when all shall be complete and we shall be Yours together, no more divided by time and space but one in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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 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.

Offering: If you were prepared to bring an offering today, you may leave it as you exit the sanctuary. Member/Visitor and Prayer Request cards may be left with your offering as well. Thank you

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Closing Song

As It Is In Heaven

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name Come and let Your glory,

Come and let Your glory fall.

Our Father, who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

Chorus:

I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord

Let your kingdom come
Let your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Every heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in heaven.

God give us new every morning Mercy as daily bread In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray

And lead us, not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray
Chorus

For the kingdom is yours And the power is yours And the glory forever Amen For the kingdom is yours And the power is yours And the glory forever Amen For the kingdom is yours And the power is yours And the glory forever Amen For the kingdom is yours And the power is yours And the glory forever Amen

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