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***MORNING WORSHIP***

**Pentecost 21**

**Led by Rev. Ross Smith**

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*Gospel prelude on 'What a friend we have in Jesus'*

Dale Wood (1934 - 2003)

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...*

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn 447**      *Lord, your almighty word*      (Moscow)

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

...This is the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Doxology 335**    *Praise to the Father be*    (Narenza)



Musical notation for the doxology. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Praise to the Fath-er be, and sole-be-gott-en Son; praise, ev-er ho-ly Par-a-clete while end-less ag-es run."

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers*

## ***The Service of the Word***

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

### **First Reading**

*Job 38: 1-7*

**1** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: **2** "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? **3** Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. **4** "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. **5** Who determined

its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? **6** On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone **7** when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

**Hymn 133**      *O worship the King*      (Hanover)

*[hymn based on Psalm 104]*

**Second Reading**      *Hebrews 5: 5: 1-10*

**1** Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; **3** and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. **4** And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. **5** So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; **6** as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." **7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **9** and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, **10** having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

# Anthem

## ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

*Words: Prudentius (b. 348)*

*Music: From 16th century*

Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ere the world in chaos rose,  
He is Alpha, from the Fountain,  
All that is and hath been flows.  
He is Omega of all things,  
Yet to come the mystic close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done,  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one.  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun.  
*Evermore and evermore.*

He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created,  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful law had sentenced,  
In the depths of hell to lie.  
*Evermore and evermore.*

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises,  
Angels and Archangels sing,  
Where so ever ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring.  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 10: 35-45*

**35** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." **36** And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" **37** And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." **38** But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?" **39** They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." **41** When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. **42** So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. **43** But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

May your word live in us: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Hymn 342**      *When I survey the wondrous cross*      (Rockingham)

**Sermon**      *Confronting chaos with God*

**Hymn 373**      *Hail, our once-despised Jesus*      (Ebenezer)

## **Concerns of the Church**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Offering

## Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

## ***The Sending Forth of the People of God***

**Hymn 155**      *O Lord my God*      (O Store Gud)

## Blessing

... and remain with you always.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

## Threefold Amen

## Organ Postlude

*Prelude in E minor BWV 533*

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)