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Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today! We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through the Gospel that comes to us through the Word and Sacraments.

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around his Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the Elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.

Focus for Our Worship

Usually, a kingdom advances and is secured through things like military might or political force or worldly wealth. It can be tempting to believe the same holds true in the kingdom of God. Perhaps we think churches would flourish if we had the right rulers passing and enforcing the right laws. This way of thinking is breathtakingly wrong.

Instead, God gives us faith that grasps the fact that the kingdom of God advances in ways that are imperceptible. Through something that seems insignificant to most—the gospel—the King of kings establishes his reign in human hearts. Even Jesus himself taught that the gospel seems unimpressive, for he often compared the gospel to a tiny seed. Yet within a seed is hidden life. As the seed of the gospel is planted, the largest of all kingdoms grows.

The Service, Setting 1

Christian Worship 21

VBS Children: “My Feet Are on the Rock” “Breaker Rock Beach”

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Please stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

1 John 1:8; Psalm 32:5a; Psalm 51:1-4

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

John 20:19-23; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5b

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Matthew 20:30-31; Mark 10:47

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory Be to God

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Tune: EBENEZER



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who



those he loves so well. On the earth let
takes our sin a - way, now with him in



all his peo - ple speak his grace, his won - ders tell:
tri - umph seat - ed— for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:

Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry, might - y
 Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly, Sav - ior,
 Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
 you are God a - lone in the glo - ry
 ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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The Word

Salutation

1 Timothy 4:22; Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon Text

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²⁴“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the Lord had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

⁵The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. ⁶When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh.

By the decree of the king and his leading officials:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water. ⁸Instead, let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:3–8

We thank God that the seed of the gospel is producing fruit throughout the whole world.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

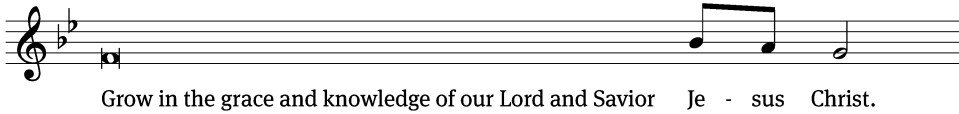
2 Peter 3:18



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

The kingdom grows when the seed is sown. The Word works.

²⁶He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. ³²Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”

³³With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

Philippians 2:11; Matthew 10:32-33

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

Please be seated

In This Place Your Word Is Planted

CW 981



1 In this place your Word is plant - ed; on our
2 Let your plant - ing not be wast - ed, wilt - ed
3 Help us trea - sure ho - ly wis - dom, sa - vor
4 Blest are they who, truth re - ceiv - ing, know its



path the seed is sown. To the Church your
soon in ston - y field. Let our world - ly
ev - 'ry word you give. Help us cher - ish
val - ue more than gold. Blest are they who,



Word is spo - ken; in our hearts a light has shone.
 cares not choke it, rob - bing you of right - ful yield.
 Je - sus' gos - pel, bread by which your peo - ple live.
 per - se - ver - ing, bear good fruit a hun - dred - fold.

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Sermon – Jonah 3:1-10 “The Word Builds”

Please stand

Create in Me

Psalm 51:10-12 (CW 942)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

CW 878

The offering is brought forward during the hymn.



1 Christ a - lone the world's Re - deem - er, Christ, God's own be -
2 Word a - lone, in - spired and ho - ly, Word re - veal - ing
3 Grace a - lone, and not our work - ing, brings sal - va - tion
4 Faith a - lone from God the Spir - it can God's gra - cious
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry, to the Fa - ther,



got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri - fice for sin - ners,
Christ our Lord, liv - ing, ac - tive voice of Je - sus,
un - to all. Grace a - lone! Your gifts you give us
gift re - ceive; not by hu - man works or ef - fort,
and the Son, and to God the Ho - ly Spir - it;



by his death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di -
sharp - er than a two - edged sword, Word to teach and to ad -
as we hear your gen - tle call. Un - i - mag - ined love - ex -
God is call - ing to be - lieve. Faith is liv - ing, bus - y,
glo - ry to the Three in One. Hymned by saints of earth and



a - tor, Christ a - lone our great High Priest, in his right - eous -
mon - ish, Word to com - fort and to heal - God's own Word en -
chang - ing all our sin for right - eous - ness, grace on grace thro'
ac - tive, ev - er seek - ing ways to care, in the least, the
heav - en and by an - gels at his throne, all cre - a - tion



ness he clothes us. Christ a - lone is our true peace.
dures for - ev - er all his coun - sel to re - veal.
Christ re - ceiv - ing, clothed in his own ho - li - ness.
lost, the need - y, seek - ing Je - sus ev - 'ry - where.
joins to praise him: glo - ry be to God a - lone!

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Please stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**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.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Please be seated

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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