

# TODAY'S LESSONS: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 10

## Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Genesis 25:19-34

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 119:105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.  
106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.  
107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to  
your word.  
108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of  
my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.  
109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.  
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your com-  
mandments.  
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for  
ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your  
statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## Romans 8:1-11

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead

will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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## Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Today's Readers:

Lessons: Pat Snyder

Prayers: Eliza Barger

### Please pray for

**Those in need of healing:** Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Louise (LeBeau), Ron (Juergens), Barbara (Brandenburg), Lena (Gray), Veronica (Pitrago), Pat (Snyder), Ellen (Chapman), Bob (Smith), Stephanie (Robinson), Hardy (Shelton, III), Kyle (DeGiulio), and Shirley (Haas).

**For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan:** Church at Crossroads (Detroit) and St. Luke's (Ferndale).

**For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic:** St. Anthony's of Padua (Bani).

# TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. by Glenda Austin

Hymn after sermon

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay  
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the  
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look  
down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on my  
liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one, stoop down down and drink, and  
un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be  
breast." I came to Je - sus, as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad; I  
live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life giv - ing stream; my  
bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and  
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Offertory Anthem

Almighty God, your word is cast  
Margaret Green, vocals

Hymn #588

Communion Music

Celtic Dream

Michele McLaughlin

Sending Hymn

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

1. A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good seed a -  
2. A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery - where he  
3. The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a blood - red  
4. O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er and the  
broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his seed, the word of  
trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him - self the See of  
sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for those who watched him  
Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in glow - ing word and  
God. And some who lis - tened would not hear, and  
God. But, then, a - top a bar - ren hill, be -  
die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den fair, as  
deed. im - plnat your Word in wait - ing hearts, and  
some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in  
neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on  
dawn broke o'er the land, land, the Seed, from three days  
let it there take hold, un - til it bears in  
fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.  
ston - y ground and left it there to die.  
si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!  
fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred fold.

Postlude

Shepherd Medley

arr. by Glenda Austin