

**Prince of Peace**  
**Brockton, Massachusetts 508-586-7975**  
**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost October 24, 2021**



**“Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.” Psalm 126.6**

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

The word for today is *restoration*. Both the Old Testament reading and the psalm speak of God’s restoration of the people of Israel, gathering them from sorrowful exile into joyful community. The gospel tells the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, restoring his sight in response to his faith. Restoration is what we are longing for. And so we gather here.

In the sharing of the peace we act out the restoration and reconciliation we all need. In the Lord’s Prayer we ask, “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.” What is this if not a plea for restoration? This restoration is not through our own merit, but through the love of Christ and the faith we have been given.

**Prayer**

## Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made,

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

Bless us as we hear your word.

**Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Time for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

**whose teaching is life,**

**whose presence is sure,**

**and whose love is endless. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

You are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.**

## God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God, Whose Almighty Word". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four lines of text corresponding to the four lines of the hymn. The lyrics are: "1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard", "2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,", "3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,", and "4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,".

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the day:** Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the  
 darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek  
 your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
 and Lord. **Amen**

## The Word

### Children's Moment

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
 "Save, O LORD, your people,  
 the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame,  
 those with child and those in labor, together;  
 a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)**

**Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia,  
Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!**

### **Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you O Christ!**

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Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!**

### **Message**

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## 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 power of the holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

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.

## The Peace

### Announcements—

--Thirsty Thursday: Pictures to [prandall22@gmail.com](mailto:prandall22@gmail.com).

--Weds. Bible Study on Facebook live at 10 AM

--Oct 31 Reformation Sunday—wear red! Organ Concert at Holy Trinity 3 PM

--Nov 7 All Saints Sunday—images of those to be remembered to

[princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com) by Nov. 2

-- Family Christmas Lunch Project on Sunday Dec. 19!

### Offering time

**Offering Prayer: God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.**

**Accept the gifts you have first given us.**

**Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

We are set free from sin and death and we are nourished by the word of truth, and so we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing:**

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy,  
May the Lord look upon you with favor  
And grant you peace. **Amen!**

**(Sending Hymn and dismissal on the back cover)**

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God!**

*AND--Thanks for joining us!*

### Postlude

Credits:

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