



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The hymn texts for the liturgy and Hymn 210 were written by Dr. Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008), one of the most influential poets and songwriters of the twentieth-century church.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.
- C** Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalms 119:81–86

- P** My soul longs for your salvation;
C **I hope in your Word.**
- P** My eyes long for your promise;
C **I ask, “When will you comfort me?”**
- P** For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
C **yet I have not forgotten your statutes.**
- P** How long must your servant endure?
C **When will you judge those who persecute me?**
- P** The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;
C **they do not live according to your law.**
- P** All your commandments are sure;
C **they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

KYRIE

tune: 744, Amazing Grace

**Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word, For Your amazing grace.**

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PSALMODY

Psalm 119:87–88

P They have almost made an end of me on earth,

C **but I have not forsaken your precepts.**

P In your steadfast love give me life,

C **that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

tune: 761, Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**God who flung the stars in space,
God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love,
God of gods, all gods above.**

**God who saw Your creatures fall,
Loves them still, and loves them all,
Give Your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
You we praise and glorify!
Glory be to God on high!**

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you!

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Following each reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

HYMN 655 – *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

SERMON Teaching the Word Can Be a Tough Business

Jeremiah 23:16–29

CREED HYMN

tune: 802, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.**

**And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.**

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PRAYERS

Following each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer

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OFFERING

HYMN 910 – *Now the Silence*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with You.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

SANCTUS HYMN

tune: 507, Holy, Holy, Holy

“Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song
around Your golden throne;
“Holy, holy, holy!” with them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

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THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI HYMN

tune: 702, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
You bore the sinners' load To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found Please grant Your peace.

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HYMN 578 – Thy Strong Word

HYMN 867 – Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

HYMN 583 – God Has Spoken by His Prophets

BENEDICTION

P 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.

HYMN 924 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing