

**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on: *The Believer Follows Christ*

**The Sunday** Following Christ calls for total commitment. The life of faith walks in lock step with the will of God and does not following the meandering ways of this world. Our Prayer of the Day says it well, "Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises..." and our Verse of the Day aptly summarizes the Sunday: Followers of Christ understand the call for total commitment.

**Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* CW 463



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and  
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt.  
 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716, alt.

*Stand*

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love

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as we

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in the Gospel

and

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**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson

**Jonah 3:3-4:4**

Jonah could best be described as the Lord's reluctant prophet. Jonah thought he could outmaneuver God, but a fish spit him back into line with the Lord's will. He preached the Word and to his dismay saw enemy of Israel in the dust and ashes of repentance. Jonah would rather have died than seen the mercy of the Lord showered upon them. He was unwilling to commit to God's will and leave behind his hatred and prejudice. God calls Jonah to leave them behind and instead follow him on the path of mercy and forgiveness.

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

<sup>4</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?" (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

**Psalm 62 CW**

*Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*Psalm tone*



My soul finds rest in God alone;\*  
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.

*Refrain*

Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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## Second Lesson

## 2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

How easy it would have been for Paul to give up the Way to return to the way of the world! Yet by grace, through faith, Paul continued to follow Christ. Even in the face of a host of dangers and hardships he did not look back. Every Christian is called to similarly follow Christ with unswerving devotion.

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

<sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup> Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. (NIV)

### **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b)

*Stand*

### **Gospel**

**Luke 9:51-62**

Following Christ leaves no room for vengeance, self-preservation or wrong priorities. So many want to follow Jesus, but only if a life of faith can be lived as much of the world as *in* the world. Breathless excitement wasn't enough; cultural conventions weren't enough; not even seemingly loving acts were enough to change Jesus' claim: Following Christ is all or nothing—it calls for total commitment.

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them<sup>[a]</sup>?" <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken CW 465



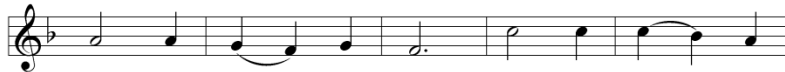
1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you  
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may  
all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.  
Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Benediction**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn

## *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve* CWS 770:1



I O Christ, who called the Twelve To  
rise and fol - low you, For -  
sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For  
ven - tures bold and new: Grant  
us to hear your call To  
risk se - cur - i - ty And,  
bound in heart and will to you, Find  
per - fect lib - er - ty.

*This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.*

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Tune: TERRA BEATA (66 86 66 86) English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930

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