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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Color of the Day: Green - suggesting spiritual growth and maturity. There is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Opening Hymn #753 - All for Christ I Have Forsaken

Confession and Absolution. Page 203

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 204

Ps. 62: 5-8; antiphon: Ps. 62:1

For God alone my soul waits in | silence,*

from him comes my sal- | vation.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*

for my hope is | from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress,*

I shall not be | shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my | glory,*

my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;*

God is a refuge | for us.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For God alone my soul waits in | silence,*

from him comes my sal- | vation.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis. Page 204

Salutation & Collect of the Day. Page 205

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 205

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Gradual. Page 205

Ps. 145: 3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*

and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*

and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle. Page 205

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of

Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse Page 205

Holy Gospel Page 206

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"

²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.



Athanasian Creed Page 319

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #906 – *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

The Sermon

Check out Pastor Bogs' blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez's blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

Prayer of the Church Page 207

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

Offering & Offertory Hymn #955 - *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ *Service of the Sacrament* ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Preface & Sanctus Page 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini Page 209

Agnus Dei & Distribution Page 210

Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #732 – *All Depends on Our Possessing*
 #757 - *Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care*
 #835 - *On Galilee's High Mountain*
 #914 - *Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten*

Nunc Dimittis Page 211

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction Page 212

Closing Hymn #919 - *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*