

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

GOD IS FOREVER

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*Vertrau Auf Gott! [Trust in God]*

*Services are being live-streamed and recorded.*



## WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

as we gather in person and virtually to  
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Bold portions** of the bulletin are read by congregation.  
**Our Mission**

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;  
Unified us in the waters of baptism;  
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;  
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;  
Praise and worship the Trinity;  
Grow our membership with faith and love;  
And share our blessings with all God's people.

# The Welcome, Announcements and Prelude

## Hymn – “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Continued on next page)

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with  
2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the  
3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your  
4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon  
O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-  
O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us  
The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

*Refrain*  
with soft-er gleam:  
ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
with warmth and light,  
a - bun-dant show.



5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part,  
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
 All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*

6 And you, most kind and gentle death,  
 Waiting to hush our final breath,  
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
 You lead to heav'n the child of God,  
 Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*

7 Let all things their Creator bless  
 And worship God in humbleness.  
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
 Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*

## The Invocation

*Officiant* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Amen.**

*The Officiant continues*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Officiant* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The Officiant and People together*

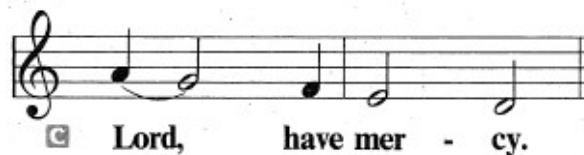
Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

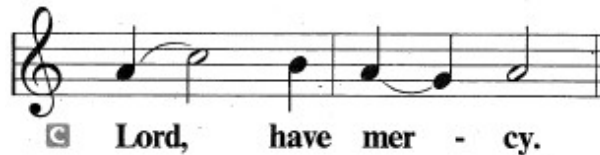
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### The Kyrie Eleison

*Celebrant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People*

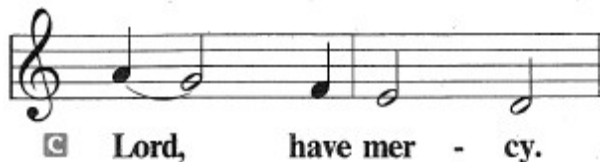


*Celebrant* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People*



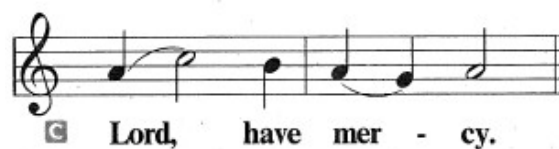
*Celebrant* For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



*Celebrant* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



*Celebrant* Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

*People*



## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant continues*

O God, you created the entire universe, including all of us. You love us fully and forever; you know everything about us. Help us to love all that you have created, including one another. Make us like the little children you called near to you, that we might love your creation with the joy and wonder they do and that we might worship you with the excitement and energy that they do. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## A Reading of Revelations 7:17; 21:1-8, 22:1-7

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup> The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him,  
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Chapter 22**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.    *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 115** *Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”**

<sup>3</sup> **Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.**

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see.

<sup>6</sup> **They have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell.**

<sup>7</sup> **They have hands, but they do not feel; they have feet, but they do not walk;  
they make no sound in their throats.**

<sup>8</sup> Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

<sup>10</sup> **O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.**

<sup>11</sup> **You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; <sup>13</sup> he will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

<sup>14</sup> **May the LORD give you increase, both you and your children.**

<sup>15</sup> **May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>16</sup> The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings.

<sup>17</sup> The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.

<sup>18</sup> **But we will bless the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

**Praise the LORD!**

**VBS Song** – *“Love Round”*

*Children remain in their seats.*

*Michele and Joe will lead the congregation in song.*

**Love, love, love, love.  
Christians, this is your call,  
To love your neighbor as yourself  
‘Cause God loves us all.**

### **A Reading of John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Officiant*      The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **A Meditation on the Readings**

VBS Song– “*Oh Lord, Our Lord*”

*Children come forward to sing.*

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*The Officiant and People together*

**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 Prayers of the People** (*Response to each petition: “Receive our prayer.”*)

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*The Officiant and People share a sign of Christ’s peace.*

VBS Song- “*God Is*”

*Children will come forward to sing.*

### **The Thanksgiving for the Word**

*Officiant*      Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

*People*          **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer and Sending**

*Officiant* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*The Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*Officiant*

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”** (Congregation sings.) **Hymnal #774**

### **The Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Serving This Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector: Beth Roesel

Acolyte: Declan Corley

**Serving Next Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

Lector: Joseph Comer

Acolyte: Ella Barletta

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