Sunday, June 6, 2021

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Closing Hymn: "Now We Join In Celebration"

Prayer of the Day
All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15
8[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the
man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.9But
the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10He said, "I heard the sound of you in the
garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman whom you
gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is
this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14The Lord God said to the
serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Psalm: Psalm 130
1Out of the depths
I cry to you, O Lord;
2O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
3If you were to keep watch | over sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
4Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.
5I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.
6My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.
7O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
8For the Lord shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

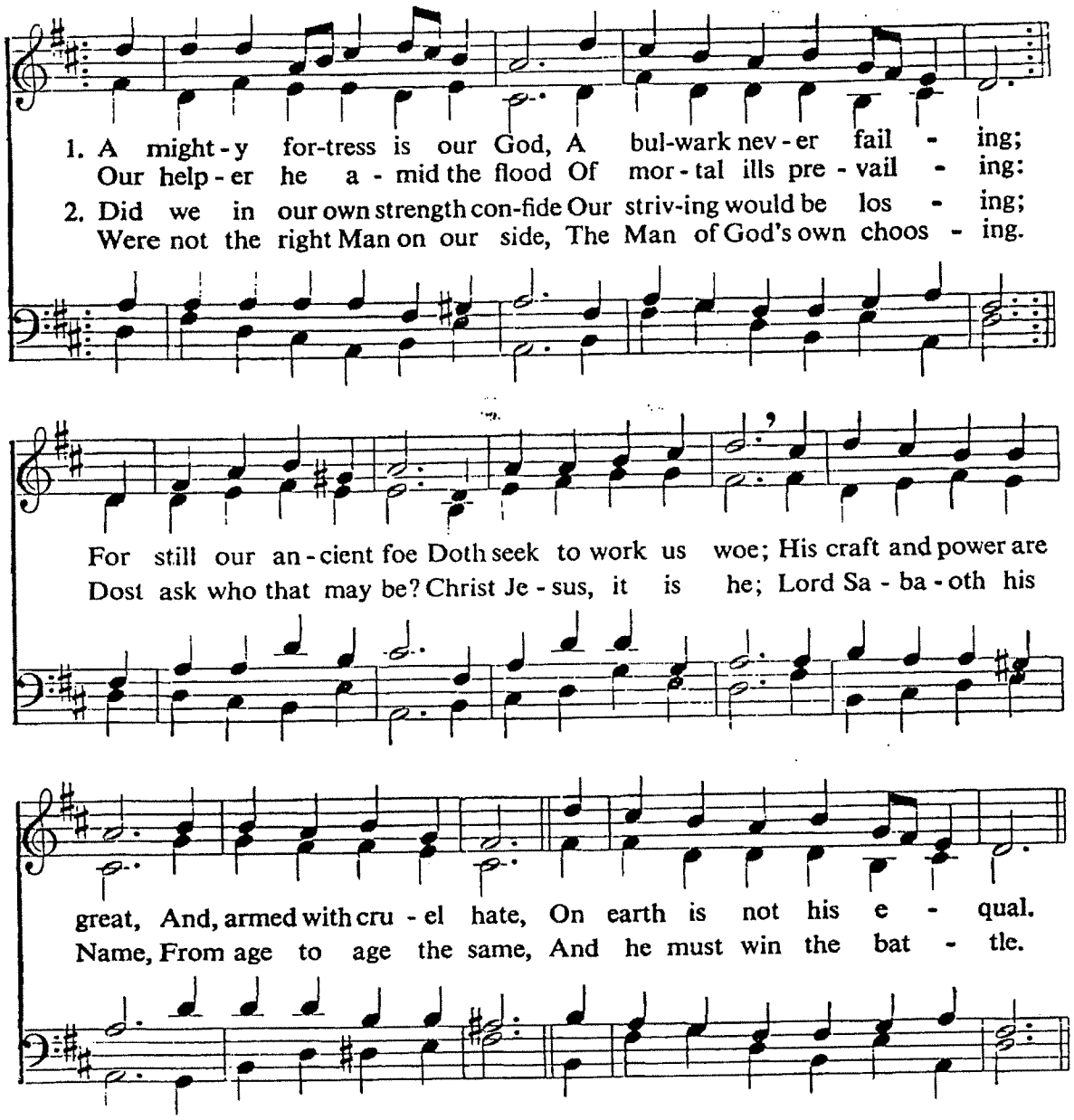
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

[Jesus went home;] [20]and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even
eat. [21]When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his
mind." [22]And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the
demons he casts out demons." [23]And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan
cast out Satan? [24]If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25]And if a house is divided
against itself, that house will not be able to stand. [26]And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he
cannot stand, but his end has come. [27]But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property
without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

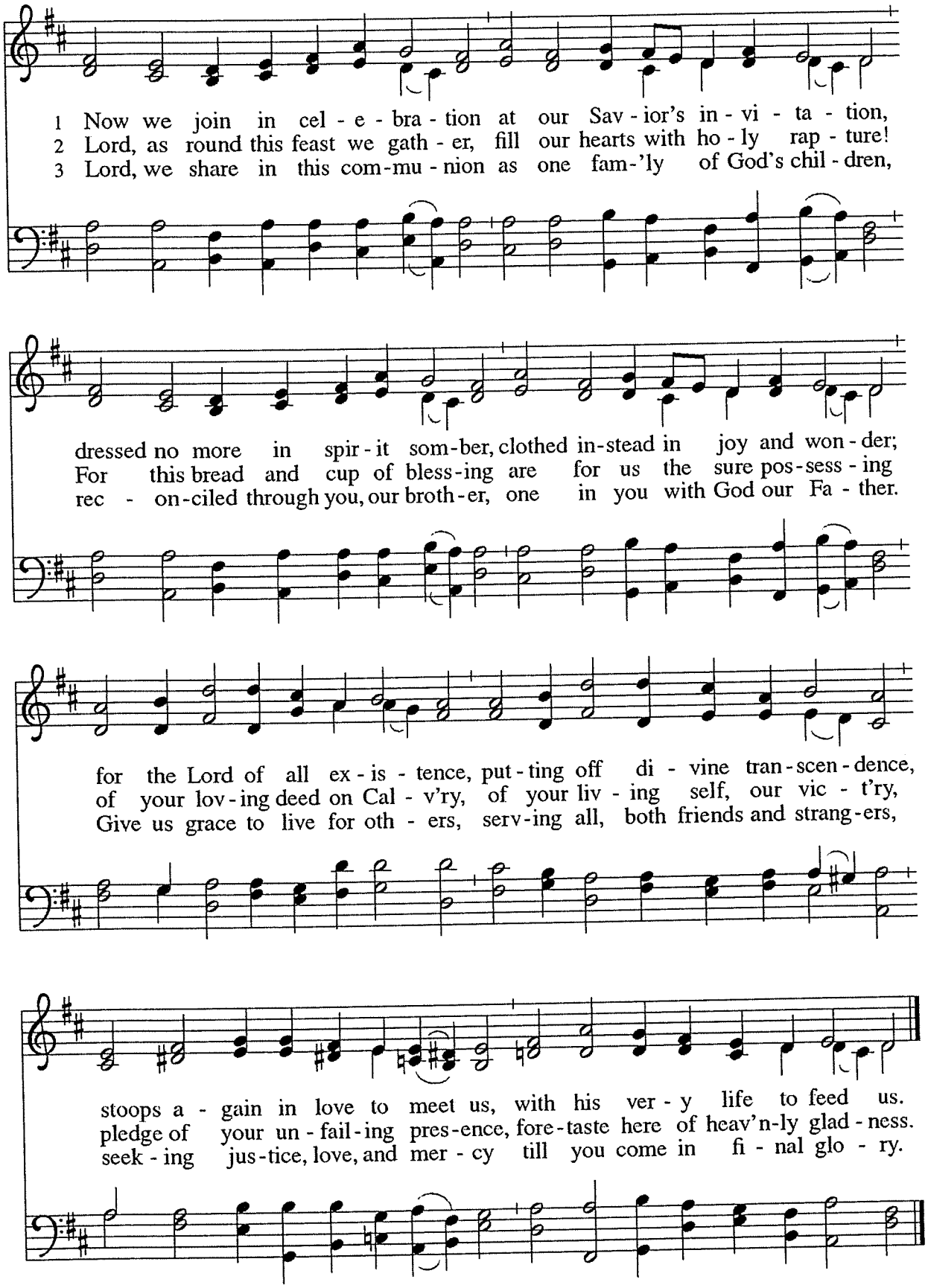
[28]"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; [29]but whoever
blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—[30]for they had
said, "He has an unclean spirit."

[31]Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. [32]A crowd
was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for
you." [33]And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" [34]And looking at those who sat around him, he
said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! [35]Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and
mother."

A Mighty Fortress



3 And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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