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Season of Pentecost

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Hymns for the Day

Opening #603 (CP)

Holy Spirit, storm of love

Gradual #698 (WOV)

we were baptized in Christ Jesus

Closing #538 (CP)

nearer, my God, to thee

21:11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

21:13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

21:15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

Genesis 21:8-21

21:8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

21:9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

21:10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

21:17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

21:18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

21:20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

86:1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

86:2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your

servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

86:3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

86:4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

86:6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

86:7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

86:8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

86:9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

86:10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

86:16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

86:17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to

**shame, because you, LORD,
have helped me and comforted
me.**

God of mercy, fill us with the love
of your name, and help
us to proclaim you before the
world, that all peoples may
celebrate your glory in Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Romans 6:1b-11

6:1b Should we continue in sin in
order that grace may abound?

6:2 By no means! How can we
who died to sin go on living in it?

6:3 Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into
his death?

6:4 Therefore we have been
buried with him by baptism into
death, so that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory
of the Father, so we too might
walk in newness of life.

6:5 For if we have been united
with him in a death like his, we
will certainly be united with him in
a resurrection like his.

6:6 We know that our old self was
crucified with him so that the
body of sin might be destroyed,
and we might no longer be
enslaved to sin.

6:7 For whoever has died is freed
from sin.

6:8 But if we have died with
Christ, we believe that we will
also live with him.

6:9 We know that Christ, being
raised from the dead, will never
die again; death no longer has
dominion over him.

6:10 The death he died, he died
to sin, once for all; but the life he
lives, he lives to God.

6:11 So you also must consider
yourselves dead to sin and alive
to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

10:24 "A disciple is not above the
teacher, nor a slave above the
master;

10:25 it is enough for the disciple
to be like the teacher, and the
slave like the master. If they have
called the master of the house
Beelzebul, how much more will
they malign those of his
household!

10:26 "So have no fear of them;
for nothing is covered up that will
not be uncovered, and nothing
secret that will not become
known.

10:27 What I say to you in the
dark, tell in the light; and what
you hear whispered, proclaim
from the housetops.

10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

10:32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;

10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves

son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Dismissal

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