

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (NIV) Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

1 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. **2** We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. **3** For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **4** On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. **5** You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. **6** We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. **7** Instead, we were like young children[a] among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, **8** so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Footnotes: [a] 1 Thessalonians 2:7 Some manuscripts were gentle.

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 (NIV) A prayer of Moses the man of God

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:

6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

13 Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

16 May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

17 May the favor[a] of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

Footnotes: [a] [Psalm 90:17](#) Or beauty



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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

25 October 2020 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – at 12 Noon

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Meditation

11:55 A.M.

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Tomasz Piętak

Greeting/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

• #90 Come, Christians, Join To Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise we with gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend
on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Time with Children

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Readings 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Rainer Zimmermann

Responsive Psalm Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
(See pages-4)

Soloist Do Not Stand At My Grave & Weep David Corcoran
(in memory of Patricia Corcoran 1930-2020)

Sermon On Not Bashing Your Head Against A Wall Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

WE RESPOND IN THANKS AND PRAYER

• #612 O Jesus, I Have Promised

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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide. | 2. O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin. |
| 3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul. | 4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend |

Prayers of the People

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

- The Apostles' Creed
- The Words of the Institution
- Communion

● All who are able, please rise.

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

• #47 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Announcements / Sharing

WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD WITH BLESSING

• #526 The Gift Of Love

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| 1. Though I may speak with
bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words
are vain;
as sounding brass, and
hopeless gain. | 2. Though I may give all
I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns
strangely thin. |
| 3. Come, Spirit, come, our
hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed. | |

• Blessing / Commissioning

• #312 Amen Congregational Amen

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Piętak

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