

SERMON NOTES

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24, Year A * October 22, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Isaiah 45:1-7 * Psalm 96 * 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *

Matthew 22:15-22

The Old Psalm 96er

1 **Sing to the LORD a new song;** *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 **Declare his glory among the nations** *

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 **Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;** *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**

before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 * Psalm 1 * 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *

Matthew 23:1-12

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. What is a song we sing in church that you like? Why do you like it?
2. What is a part of our worship that is meaningful to you? And why?
3. What is some Good News you have heard in church? It might have been in a Bible lesson, song, hymn, sermon, prayer, or from someone in the Messiah family. What makes it Good News for you?
4. Whom do you know who doesn't have a church family, who might like ours?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for how he shows himself to us in worship.
 - ✦ For that person you named in #4 above to become more curious about God, and open to an invitation to come here with you.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.