

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

August 15, 2021
9:15 A.M.



Gathering Hymn.....Blest Be the Tie that Binds (656)
Hymn of the Day.....Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (659)
Communion.....All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (461)
Sending Hymn.....You Are Mine (581)

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Prelude "Prayer" by Leo Boellmann

Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection.)

God and Father of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (656)

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Greeting

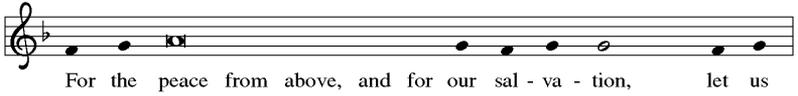
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



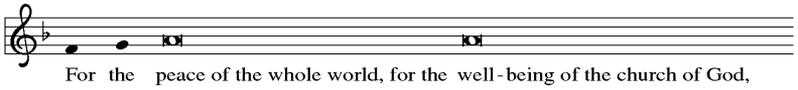
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



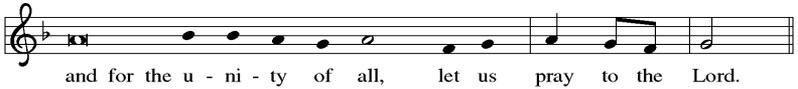
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



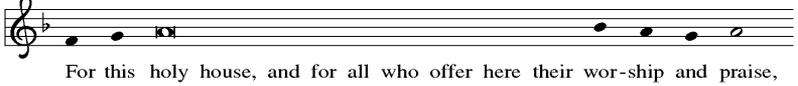
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



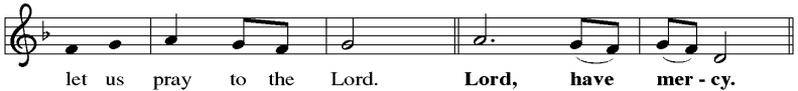
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God,

you came to us with a mission of love for others and called us to join you in serving others in love. Transform us by the Spirit of love, that we may find our life together in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

**arr. Lloyd Larson ©2012 Hope Publishing Company
Women's Ensemble and Scott Christiansen**

Reading

Psalm 42

*As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.*

**I thirst for God, for the living God; when shall I come to
appear before the presence of God?**

*My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they
say to me, "Where now is your God?"*

**I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went
with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping
festival.**

*Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so
disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet
give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.*

**My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you
from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar
among the heights of Hermon.**

*One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades; all your
rapids and floods have gone over me.*

**The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime; in the night
season the LORD's song is with me, a prayer to the
God of my life.**

*I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected
me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy
oppresses me?"*

**While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my
face; all day long they mock me and say to me, "Where
now is your God?"**

*Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so
disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet
give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.*

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:27-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?’ Jesus answered, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

+Hymn of the Day Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (659)

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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Baptism of Natalie Wachs

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Daughter of Lauren and Robert Wachs

Sponsors: Sabine Wachs and Mary Alice Abbott

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week: Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Ginger Johnson, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Carol Thompson, Steve Tompkins, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

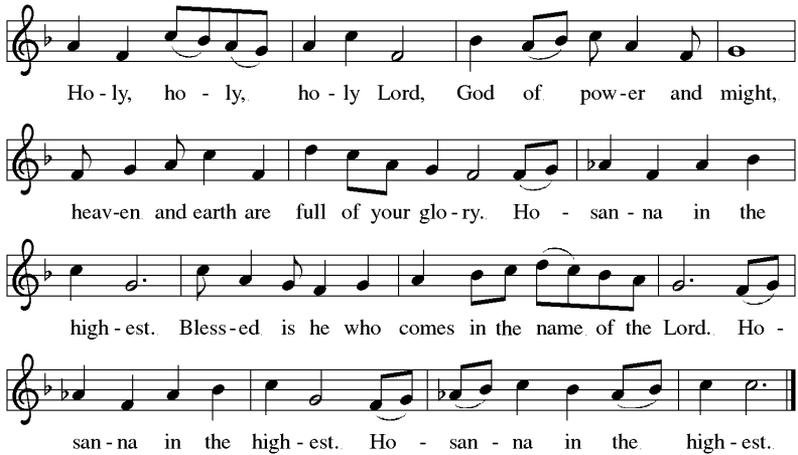
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name.

*You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.*

*With mercy higher than the mountains, you blessed and cherished
your people Israel.*

With grace deeper than the seas, you came among us in Jesus.

*With love stronger than stone, you died and rose that we might
have life.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (461)

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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**The Communion Blessing
 Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

You Are Mine (581)

Text and Music David Hass

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Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in C”

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Thank you to Megan and Dan Miller for the altar flowers this week in honor of their 15th anniversary.

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