

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* (the 'S' numbers are in the front!) or the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* which can be found in your pew. The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Italian Concerto* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
ii. Andante
Cary Dumas, Piano

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 48: *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria, Hymn S-280: *Glory to God* (10:00 am only)

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *1 Kings 19:4-8*

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Lesson: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, LEVAS 150: *Jesus, the Bread of Life*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *John 6:35, 41-51*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Joining with the whole people of God, let us pray for the church, the world, and those in need. *A brief silence.* Lord God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that satisfies and sustains us, and for the love you give without reserve. We pray for the right use of talents within your church, that gifts and possessions may be neither hoarded nor squandered. Help us to not only receive our daily bread, but share it with those around us.

People **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation as we engage in ministries of service and outreach in our community. May we be faithful stewards of your bounty and spread your love, serving and welcoming others without reserve. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve all who are traveling this week. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

O God, send your Spirit on all the peoples of the earth. Heal our sins of racism, hatred, and violence. Help us work for reconciliation and healing, that true peace may reign on earth. Let there be peace, and let it begin within our own hearts. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Source of all power, make us grateful for the gifts we receive in all seasons of our lives: for energy in youth, for strength in middle age, and for wisdom in aging. We give thanks for the birthday this week of Robert Lewis. Make us grateful for the blessings we receive every day. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* May they turn to you, the bread of life, and be restored to fullness of health in mind, body, and spirit. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Jean Diller, who died recently; Lewis Gnau, in whose memory the flowers are given this week; and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of the departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Bread of life, you taught us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tender-hearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: Bread of Life (from *Lauda Sion*, Op. 73, text from John 6, adapted by M.B. Stearns)

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)
Bill Harper, Baritone

Take and eat ye, living bread from heaven which man may eat and never die, but shall live forevermore. He that comes to me shall never hunger, who believes in me shall thirst no longer. Truth is that bread of life which cometh down from heaven to give life unto the world.

As the living Father sent me, and my life is in the Father, her that understandeth me, even he shall live by me. Father, give us evermore this living bread which cometh down from heaven to give life to the world. Give us this bread evermore, this bread of life.

Offertory Hymn 581: Where Charity and Love Prevail

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Anthem: Hymn Prelude on “Beautiful Savior”, op. 100, vol. VI, no. 6
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Cary Dumas, Organ

Communion Hymn, LEVAS 151: One Bread, One Body

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 379: God is Love

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533
Cary Dumas, Organ
J.S. Bach