

Twelvth Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021 Holy Communion



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Short silence for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us.** It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – O Day of Rest and Gladness (LBW #251 – located at end of booklet)

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. — **A** For the peace from a - bove, and for

our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy. —

* A For the peace of the whole world, for the

well - be - ing of the Church of God, and for the un - i - ty of

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

A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and

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

A Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious

Lord. A - men

° A single assisting minister may chant the melody line alone.

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther;

re - ceive our prayer. _____ For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Musical notation for the second part of the prayer. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is: E-flat4 (quarter), A-flat4 (quarter), B-flat4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Above the staff, the notes E^b, A^b, B^b, F, and G are labeled. Below the staff, the lyrics "And al - so with you." are written, with a square box containing a 'C' before the first word. The piano accompaniment is in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:9-14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God

Gospel Gradual

C B^b C E^b F C B^b C

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

A^b B^b E^b B^b Cm Gm/B^b A^b B^b C B^b C

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia,

The Gospel according to John, the 6th Chapter (6:51-58)

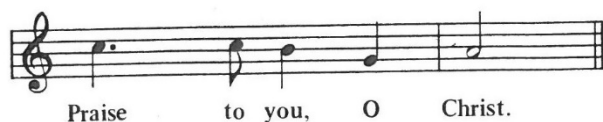
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of

the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." *The Gospel of the Lord*

16. After the reading the minister may say: "The Gospel o



SERMON – Rev. Rick Neu

HYMN OF THE DAY – My Faith Looks up to Thee (LBW #479 – located at end of booklet)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD (Spoken, no hand shaking)

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY – Reception of tithes and offerings (offerings can be placed in the plate ahead of time, then the plate will be brought up and placed on the corner of the Altar during the Offertory Hymn)

Offertory Hymn – next page:



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer. Grace our ta-ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

G
The Lord be with you.

E^b F G
And al - so with you.

G
Lift up your hearts.

E^b B^b F G
We lift them to the Lord.

14

G B^b G
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

E^b A^b B^b F G
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way to everlasting life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

31. *The minister may say:*

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, _____ in the
 u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it, _____ all

hon - or and glo - ry is yours, _____ al - might-y

Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. _____ A - men

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

Invitation to Communion (verbal instructions to be given by Pastor)

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us
peace, grant us peace.

Stand

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

THE DISTRIBUTION – (Communion will be at each individual’s seat in the pews. We will not gather at the altar.)

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

A Thank the Lord, thank the Lord, thank the Lord and
sing his praise. B Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell ev-ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his
prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – Faith of our Fathers (LBW#500 – located at end of booklet)

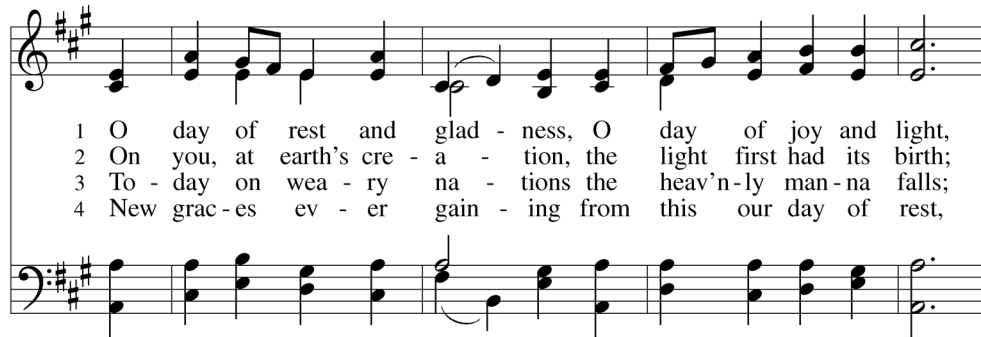
DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

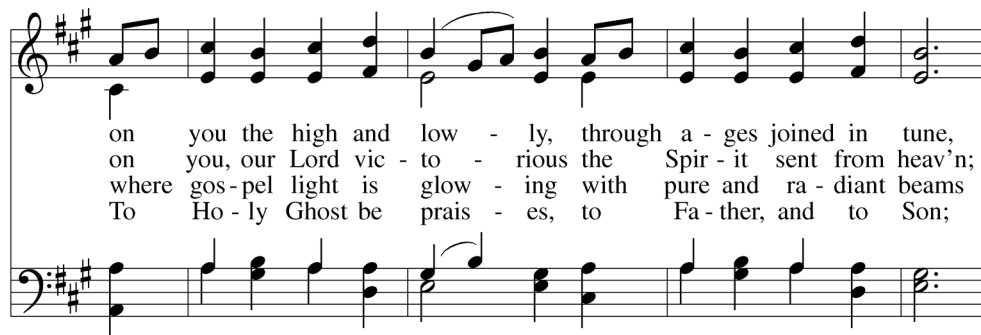
O Day of Rest and Gladness



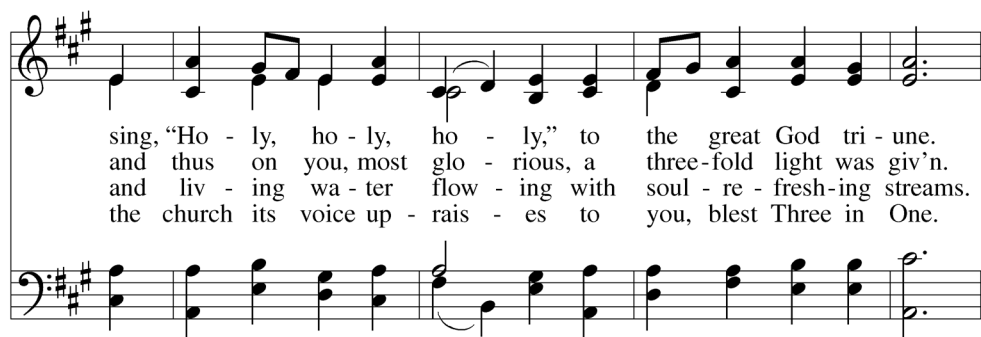
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 To Ho - ly Ghost be prais - es, to Fa - ther, and to Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, M. v. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.