

# The Divine Service

## The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

### August 15, 2021



#### AS WE GATHER

*When Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the temple at Jerusalem, the aged Simeon blessed them and prophesied of the baby's mother that "a sword will pierce through your own soul also" (Luke 2:35). The mother of our Lord had her times of sorrow, reflected in her name, which in Hebrew means bitterness. And yet she also knew times of joy— so much joy that she could exclaim "my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:47). In all of the sorrowful and joyful seasons of our lives, God is with us so that we, like Mary, can live confidently in accord with the promise-filled Word of God: "Fear not, for I am with you" (Isaiah 43:5). We can say with her, "Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).*

#### PRESERVICE

##### VERSE 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

##### CHORUS

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

##### VERSE 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (Chorus)

##### BRIDGE

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (Chorus)

## WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

### Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Confession and Absolution

Leader: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: **have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

Leader: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Sound of the Saints"

### VERSE 1

Oh I love to hear the song of creation  
The wind and the rhythm of the rain  
Oh the thunder it speaks of Your power  
But there's something in the sound of the saints

### VERSE 2

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean  
Found peace in the echoes of a cave  
And the trees of the field they clap their hands  
But there's something in the sound of the saints

### PRE-CHORUS

From the lips of those You saved  
A redemption song will rise  
With a sound so full it cracks the sky

### CHORUS

Whoa we sing hallelujah  
Whoa we sing amen  
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion  
Singing alleluia amen  
(Singing) alleluia amen

### VERSE 3

I will hear the chorus of the angels  
Forever a symphony of praise  
I long to hear the voice of my Savior  
And He hears us the sound of the saints



### PRE-CHORUS 2

From the lips of those You saved  
A redemption song will rise  
Ev'ry tongue ev'ry tribe hear the Church Your  
bride

### BRIDGE

Our hearts will rise our song shall be  
Jesus Christ our Savior King forever  
Our hearts will rise the saints will sing  
Of Jesus Christ our Savior King forever forever

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## GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

Reader: <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 6:51-69*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Chosen"

### VERSE 1

What do you see when you look in the mirror  
A loser a failure  
Does every scar determine who you are  
Maybe don't look just turn away  
If every day is like yesterday  
When's it gonna change

### VERSE 2

What do you hear when you're all alone  
In your head a dead end  
Stranded at sea on a stepping stone  
There's a cloud inside you it's swelling up  
Your eyes are holding back a flood  
It's safe to come undone

### CHORUS 1

You're not worthless you're precious  
You're not left out you're wanted  
You're not invisible with your shining soul  
Love has spoken you are chosen

### VERSE 3

You've sat on the side and you tried to hide it  
In silence in quiet  
But deep in your heart there's a burning fire  
Whoever told that you're not strong  
Today's the day you're going to prove them wrong  
And sing your victory song (Chorus 1)

## SERMON/SPOKEFOLK SHARING

### BRIDGE 1

You're fearless courageous  
In your weakness He's strong  
Hold onto faith and you'll more than overcome  
This is your identity you're called to be  
You're royalty you're chosen you are chosen

### BRIDGE 2

You're fearless courageous  
In your weakness He's strong  
Hold onto faith and you'll more than overcome  
This is who you're made to be  
Come and see your destiny  
You're chosen you are chosen

### CHORUS 2

You're not worthless you're precious  
You're not left out you're wanted  
You're irreplaceable with your shining soul  
Love has spoken you are chosen

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand as you are able.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**



# AGNUS DEI



**C** 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



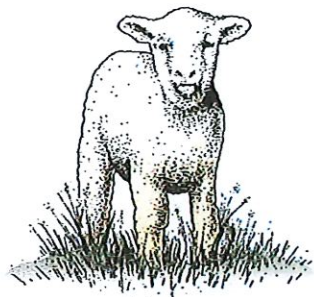
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



*Behold,*  
**THE LAMB OF GOD,**  
*who takes away*  
**THE SIN**  
**OF THE WORLD!"**

**JOHN 1:29, ESV**

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

### "No Matter What"

#### VERSE 1

A lot of us grew up believing  
At any moment we can lose it all  
And at the drop of a hat  
God might turn His back and move on

#### VERSE 2

A lot of us feel like we blew it  
Thinkin' that we're just too far gone  
But I want you to know  
There's still a hope for you now

#### CHORUS 1

No matter what you've done  
You can't erase His love  
Nothing can change it  
You're not separated  
No matter what

#### VERSE 3

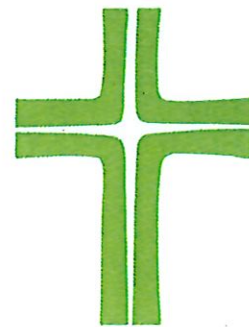
There's never been a better time to get honest  
There's never been a better time to get clean  
So come as you are  
Run to the cross and be free

#### CHORUS 2

No matter what you've done  
You can't erase His love  
Nothing can change it  
You're not separated  
No matter where you run  
He's always holding on  
You're still a daughter  
You're still a son  
No matter what

#### BRIDGE

I don't know what you've been taught  
Don't know what you've been told  
All I know is my God will never let go of you no  
I don't know what you've seen  
Don't know what you've been through  
All I know is my God will never let go of you  
He'll never let go (Chorus 2)



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## **"Almost Home"**

### **VERSE 1**

Are you disappointed  
Are you desperate for help  
You know what it's like to be tired  
And only a shell of yourself  
You start to believe  
You don't have what it takes  
'Cause it's all you can do  
Just to move much less finish the race  
But don't forget what lies ahead

### **CHORUS**

Almost home  
Brother it won't be long  
Soon all your burdens will be gone  
With all your strength  
Sister run wild run free  
Hold up your head  
Keep pressing on  
We are almost home

### **VERSE 2**

Well this road will be hard  
But we win in the end  
Simply because of Jesus in us  
It's not if but when  
So take joy in the journey  
Even when it feels long  
Oh find strength in each step  
Knowing heaven is cheering you on (Chorus)

### **BRIDGE**

I know that the cross has brought heaven to us  
But make no mistake there's still more to come  
When our flesh and our bone are no longer between  
Where we are right now and where we're meant to be  
When all that's been lost has been made whole again  
When these tears and this pain no longer exist  
No more walking we're running as fast as we can  
Consider this our second wind (Chorus)

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## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Leader: Heavenly Father, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, with your blessing and guidance.

**People: Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.**

Leader: You have called these children to be your own by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your countless, daily blessings.**

Leader: When they feel overcome by the stress and anxiety and our spirits seem low...

**People: We pray that these students will know that you share the blessing of your heavenly kingdom with us.**

Leader: When they encounter sadness or grief, whether at school or at home...

**People: We pray that these students will know that you provide the Spirit of comfort to all who are mourning.**

Leader: When they serve you humbly, not asking for blessings in return...

**People: Remind them that you bless the meek and humble with an inheritance that overflows our world.**

Leader: Keep their hearts and minds pure as a reflection of your love for them...

**People: Bless them, we pray, to see your face in the face of friends, teachers, parents and others who surround them this year.**

Leader: When they encounter persecution or bullying, particularly when they are standing up for what is right and holy...

**People: We pray that their faith in your blessings and promises is strengthened and that their behavior and faith shines as an example to others of what it means to be your royal children.**

Leader: Throughout each day of this school year, bless these children richly with a constant reminder of the heavenly reward you have promised them through the sacrifice and victory of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**People: Each one is a precious child in your kingdom and a blessing to behold. We thank you for blessing our lives through them.  
Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### “Holy Water”

#### VERSE 1

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh I need You

#### CHORUS

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water (on my skin)

#### VERSE 2

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You  
Oh God I need You oh

#### BRIDGE

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**People: Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Amen!*