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*The Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost*



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Now the Feast and Celebration

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight:
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place
 Through the earth, far and wide,

THE GREETING & KYRIE

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.

free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

THE SALUTATION

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *Be Still, My Soul*

Sarah McCutcheon

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

- ¹ When the LORD
restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth
filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- ³ Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done
great things for them.”
- ⁴ **The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**
- ⁵ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- ⁶ **Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**
- ⁷ Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

THE SERMON

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,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
 so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
 gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
 2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
 to Refrain
 may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,
everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release
what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole
lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all
creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen**

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

716 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heav'n de -
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre -
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all

scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and
 a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, cru - ci -
 blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our
 tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove, God the

hope and love un - end - ing. Word al-might - y, we re -
 fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the world re -
 tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y
 Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to all truth

vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
 lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE