

**June 31, 2022**

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



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**SERVICE of WORSHIP**

## *Now the Feast and Celebration*

### THE PRELUDE

### WELCOME and 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**

# HYMN: "Listen, God Is Calling"

Refrain  
Leader

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy. joy.

Leader

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader

that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

All

Refrain

## THE GREETING

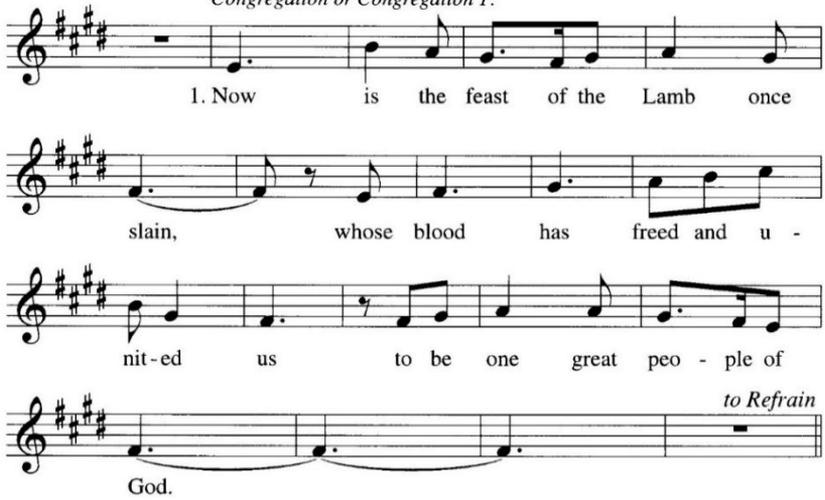
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



### Verse 1

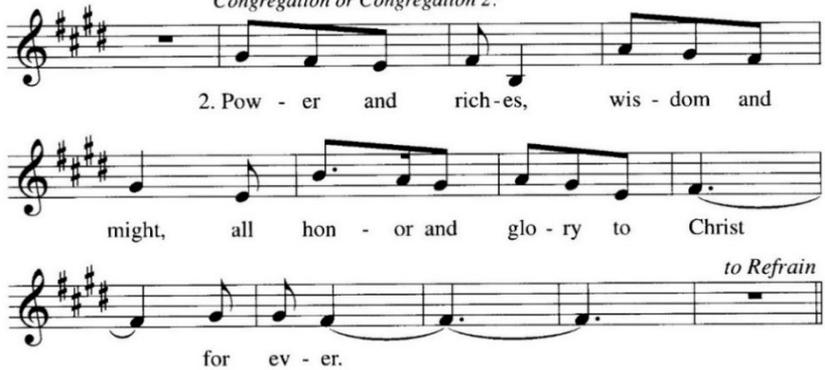
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



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 and PRAYER OF THE DAY  
MUSIC from CHRIST KISWAHILI CHOIR

## THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 49:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world,  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

<sup>5</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,  
**and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves,  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**

<sup>7</sup> for the ransom of our life is so great,  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**

<sup>8</sup> in order to live forever and ever,  
**and never see the grave.**

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

<sup>12</sup> Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves,  
**and the end of those who delight in their own words.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>3</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

<sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## 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. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

13Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” 16Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

SERMON Rev. Dr. Esther Ngomuo & members of Christ Kiswahili  
 HYMN: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” WOVS 783

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 D Em A7 D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; and knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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

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

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

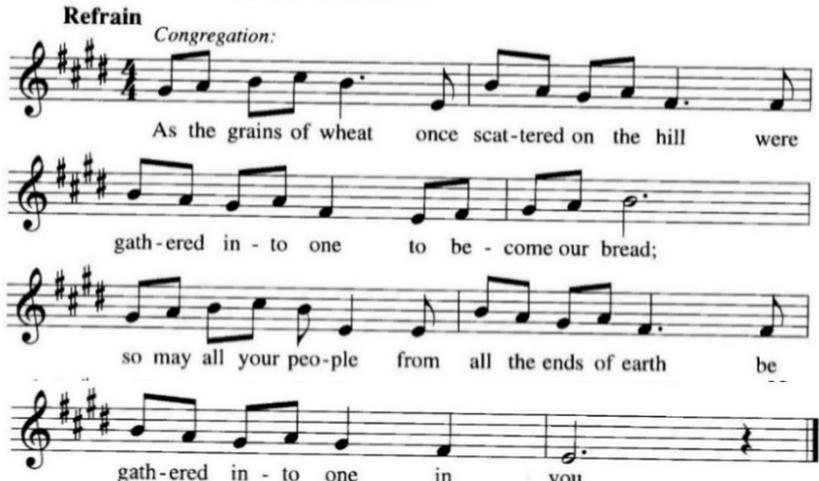
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**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 and THE PREFACE

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 him thanks and praise.

## THE SANCTUS

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

### HYMN: "One Bread, One Body"

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;  
one cup of bless - ing which we bless,  
and we, though man-y through-out the earth,

G C/G GM<sup>7</sup> C/G G D Em B  
Em D G Em A D D<sup>7</sup>  
G C/G GM<sup>7</sup> C/G G D Em B

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

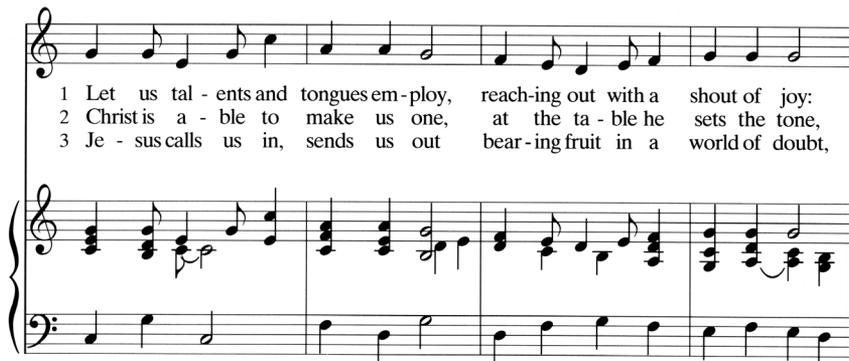
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Em D Em D

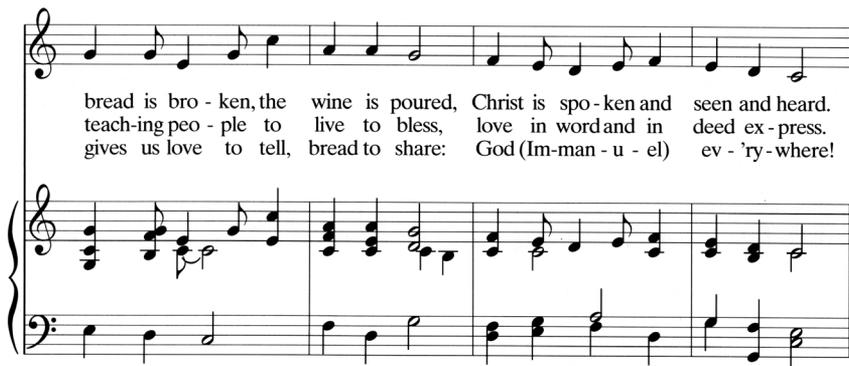
wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

Em F Am D *Refrain*

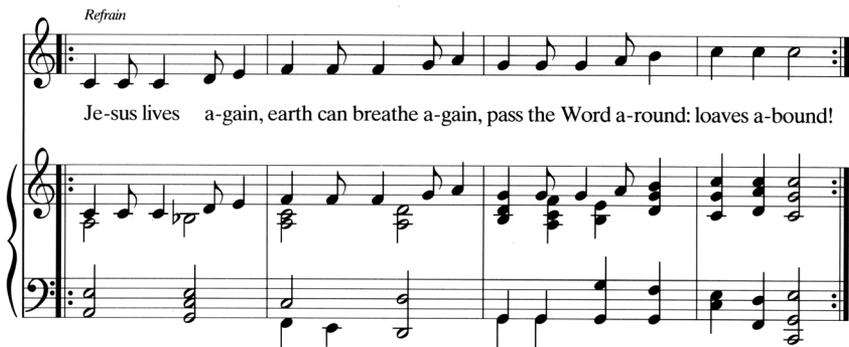
# HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



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  
THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL  
THE POSTLUDE