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The Twelfth 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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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Refrain
 A E/A D A Bm B⁷ E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

A E/A D A Bm G E

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A E/A D A Bm B⁷ E

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;

A E/A D A Bm E⁷ A D *To stanzas* E/A D *End* A

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

A D A E/A A D

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

A E/A D E⁷ C^{#m} F^{#m}

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E⁷ C^{#m} F^{#m} G

set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on

Esus⁴ E G Esus⁴ E *Refrain*

me, shine on me:
 me, shine on me:

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.

THE KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Congregation:

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now the Feast"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and
 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 and PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK: *Transition Team*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Whoever Would Be Great*

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
 or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
 than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your
 eyes have seen

THE PSALM

Psalms 112

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
**and their righteousness stands fast forever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.**

¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹³Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sara Galyon

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 14th chapter.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a

wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

SERMON

HYMN: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

D GM⁷ A D G D/F[#] Bm A

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, - the hun - ger will stay

D Bm A G D Bm F[#]m

not de - nied.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us still.

G A D A/C[#] Bm F[#]m/A G D/F[#] E⁷ A D

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 Among these restless throngs abide;
 Oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 And follow where your feet have trod;
 Till glorious from your heav'n above,
 Shall come the city of our God.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE