

**August 7, 2022**

*The Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

## LBW Setting 2

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**

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the  
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry!  
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees!  
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!  
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams!

Loud shout - ing ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud rus - tling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud hum - ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud build - ing work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*  
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!  
 Loud boiling test tubes!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band!  
 Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

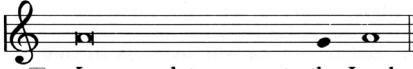
6 Knowledge and truth!  
 Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son!  
 Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

THE GREETING

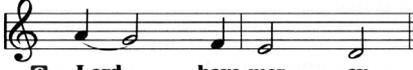
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

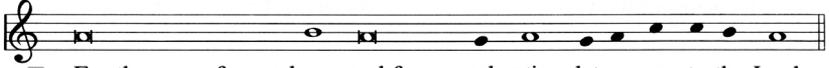
## THE KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



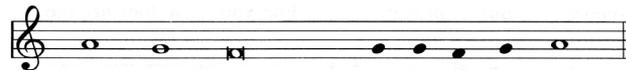
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE



△ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



▣ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## BLESSING of LEARNERS, TEACHERS and BACKPACKS

Gracious God, thank you for calling us by name and promising that nothing can separate us from your love. Make this a year of learning and protect us from danger. Bless these students and their parents. Help us all to know you walk with us each day. Bless our journeys, our schools, our friends, and our families. **Bless us, Lord.**

All Wise Lord, we ask your blessings upon the teachers here and everywhere who serve you in countless ways. Give them wisdom and patience, discipline, and humor. By their words and deeds may they be witnesses to your grace and mercy. Make them teachers and examples of your righteousness for the children they teach. Keep them and all of us steadfast in your Word. **Bless the teachers, Lord.**

Generous God, bless the books and school supplies, the lunches and snacks that these backpacks will hold. Thank you for the tools and nourishment you give for learning. May the students carrying these backpacks remember that you have named and claimed them in Baptism. Just as these packs will hold what is needed for school days, we look to you to securely hold each of your children forever.

**Bless the children and the backpacks, Lord.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

15After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
**Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven,  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**
- <sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**
- <sup>15</sup> He fashions all the hearts of them  
**and understands all their works.**
- <sup>16</sup> There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
**a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- <sup>17</sup> The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,  
**on those who wait upon his love,**
- <sup>19</sup> to pluck their lives from death,  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;  
**he is our help and our shield.**
- <sup>21</sup> Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
**for in his holy name we put our trust.**
- <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the

earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Christine Berry

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

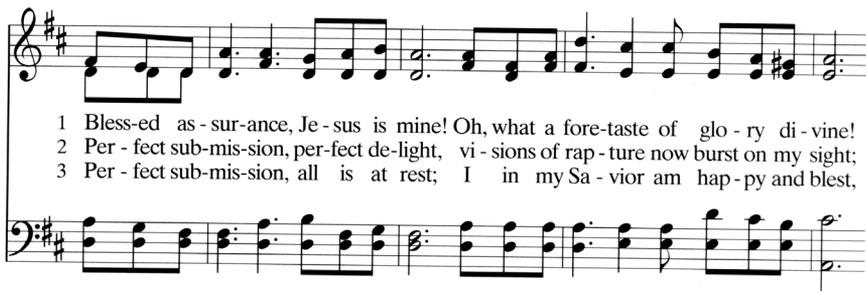
THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

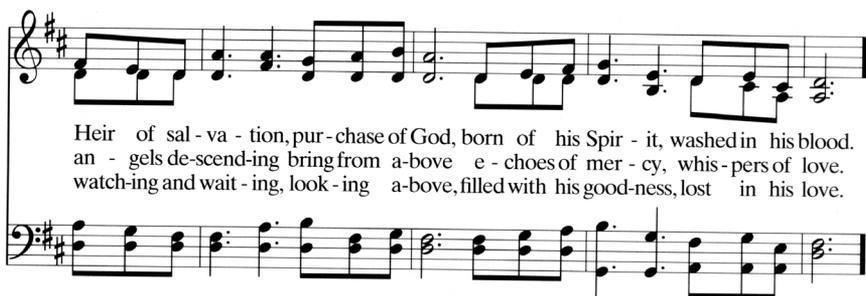
<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

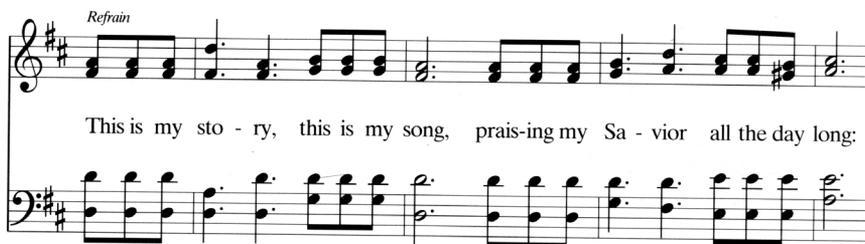


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 AND INSTALLATION of TEACHERS

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: "Let the Vineyards"



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.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,  
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## 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"

☐ 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.

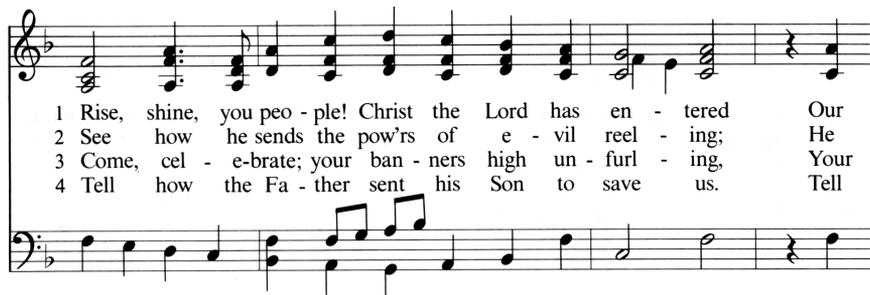
## THE DISTRIBUTION

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

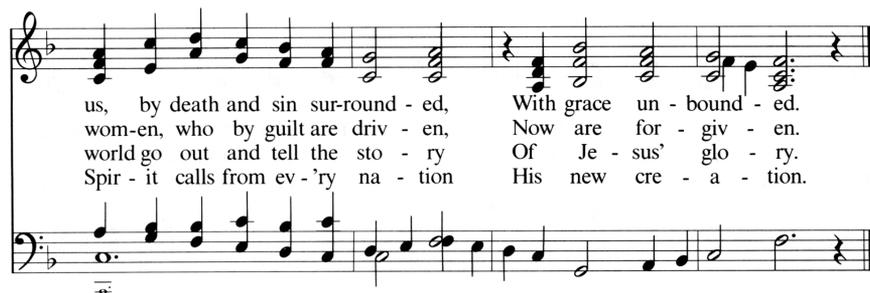
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered Our  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; He  
 3 Come, cel - e-brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, Your  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Tell



hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE