

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM + August 31st, 2025



Welcome!

You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are,
wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on *Nettleton* Anonymous (arr. Pietro Cattaneo)

Opening Hymn: "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" Blue Hymnal 376

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Holy God, be in our minds, that we might let go of all that diminishes the movement of your spirit within us. Discerning God, be in our eyes, that we might see you in the midst of all - the busyness that fills our lives.

Loving God, be in our hearts, that we can be open to those we love, to those with whom we share ministry and to the whole human family.

Gracious God, be in that grace-filled silence that lies deep within us, that we might live in Christ as Christ lives in us. **Amen**

Gloria: Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God hea - ven - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -

- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you are the Ho - ly One, you are the Lord, you a -

- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry, the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect

Said in unison

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and
said, *

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock

A reading from the Book of Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember 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. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep 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." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: "Tell out, my soul" Blue Hymnal 437
(vv. 1-3 before Gospel, v. 4 after)

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

People's response before the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On 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.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "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; and 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. But 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. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He 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. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

People's response after the Gospel **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Seminarian Karen Aalto

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

O Lord our God, grant that we might see the majesty of your glory in our lives and hear our prayers as we say. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead your church into humility and may her leaders be first her servants, seeking only and always to glorify you in their lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us selfless civil leaders who are zealous for truth, justice, and mercy and whose efforts build up the whole community and bring people together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to make the difficult choices to ensure the continued abundance of your Creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us good neighbors and open our eyes to see you in the eyes of those we encounter, that together we might build a community where everyone can thrive and live into their potential. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace and strength to those who are sick or injured or who endure suffering in all its myriad forms. [Especially we lift up...*prayer list.*] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant the dead entrance into your eternal embrace and grant us also to enter and join them there when we leave this world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Glory, through your Son, you have showed us the strength of your love, grant that we might follow in His path and continue his ministry until His return; through the same Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. (*Silence may be kept.*)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace *All stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements:

Offertory Hymn: "Come, thou fount of every blessing" Blue Hymnal 686

The Holy Communion: *Eucharistic Prayer 1*

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

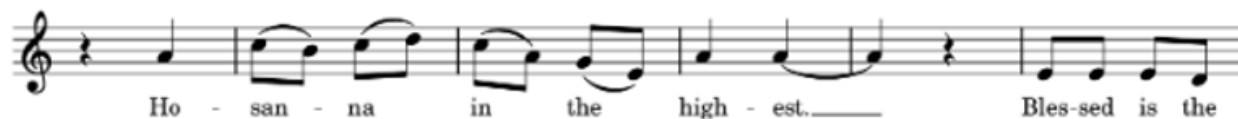
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated
your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never
ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up
prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the
human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving
himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the
way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and
when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends,
and said:

**"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

**"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your
creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share
these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the
world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to
come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "All praise to thee, for thou"

Blue Hymnal 477

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, **ALLELUIA.**

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Cornet Voluntary

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