

A Celebration of the Eucharist | The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 | 10:00am



**CHURCH
OF OUR
SAVIOUR**

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Welcome! We hope you will participate fully in today's services at the level of your comfort. Customary times to sit, stand, or kneel (as able) are indicated in *italics*. Words spoken by the people are indicated in **bold**. Everything you need to worship is provided in this worship bulletin unless otherwise noted.

Other important information can be found on the back cover of this bulletin.

Gathering the People

VOLUNTARY "How Great Thou Art" arr. by Robert W. Smith (1958-2023)

OPENING HYMN "Thou Whose Almighty Word"

Hymnal 1982 #371

All stand as able.

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God:
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

“Glory to God” by William Matthias (1934-1992)

Hymnal 1982 S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

FIRST READING A Reading from the Book of Genesis [45:1-15].

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 133



Oh, how good and plea-sant it is when peo-ple live to-ge-ther in u - ni - ty!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **Refrain**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **Refrain**

SECOND READING A Reading from the Letter to the Romans [11:1-2a; 29-32].

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL “Hallelujah! Our God Reigns!” by Dale Garratt (b.1942)

All stand as able.



HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [15: (10-20), 21-28].

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Please be seated.

THE CREED (sung paraphrase)

All stand as able.

Michael Mascari

We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of ___ all
We be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and
We be-lieve in God's own Spi-rit, bon-ding all ___ the
things that be. Mak-er of ___ the earth and hea-vens,
cru-ci-fied. tak-en from _ the cross was bur-ied,
saints with-in one Church cath-'lic one church ho-ly,
Keep-er of ___ the sky and sea. We be-lieve _ in
True life there had tru-ly died. We be-lieve _ that
where for-give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's
God's Son, Je-sus, now for us _ both Lord and Christ, of the Spir-it
on the third day Christ was ris-en from the grave, then as cend-ded
re-sur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain givesthe life _ that's
and of Ma-ry born to bring a-bun-dant life.
to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Siblings in Christ, in this season of growth, we offer our prayers to the God who creates, redeems, and sustains. Let us lift our voices saying, “Grant us your peace.”

Leader God of the ordinary, help us to integrate the Gospel into our daily lives, transforming the simple and routine into something profoundly holy. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of the Beloved community, guide the leaders of the Church and all communities of faith. May we build ministries grounded in justice, joy, and belonging. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of all peoples, grant wisdom and compassion to those in power. Raise up leaders who work for peace and amplify unheard voices. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of humility, teach us to restore what is broken and acknowledge when we’ve caused harm. Give us courage to sit with discomfort rather than flee from it, to learn and grow from one another, knowing we can do infinitely more together than apart. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of healing and hope, we pray for all who suffer—through illness, hunger, isolation, or fear. Hold close those on our prayer list and those we now name. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of the small and holy things, we give thanks for birthdays, anniversaries, and the quiet joys of this community. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

Leader God of eternal life, we remember those who have died. Comfort those who grieve, and remind us of your eternal presence. We pray,

People **Grant us your peace.**

The presider offers a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST & WELCOME

Presider The Peace of Christ be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange a sign of peace with one another and sit for a message of greeting.

The Holy Communion

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "We Resist" by Mark Miller (b.1967)

OFFERTORY HYMN "In Boldness, Look to God"

Voices Found #94

All stand as able.

Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C)

1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh

Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Eb(D) Ab(G)

dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
ease: of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb(Am)

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em)

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Joe Mattingly

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are several rests throughout the piece. The lyrics are: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry! Sing Ho-san-na, on high. Sing Ho-san-na, on high. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na, sing Ho-san-na, on high. Sing Ho-san-na, on high.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry! Sing Ho-san-na, on high.
Sing Ho-san-na, on high. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-
san-na, sing Ho-san-na, on high. Sing Ho-san-na, on high.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and

is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

People **AMEN.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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

People **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM “We Break This Bread”

Words from the Alternative Service Book 1980
Music: Christ Rolinson
Music arranged by Christopher Norton

We break this bread to share in the bo - dy of Christ. We drink this
cup, to share in the bo - dy of Christ. Though we are
ma- ny, we are one bo- dy, be-cause we all share we
all share in one bread. Though we are all share in one bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider These are the Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Note—Everyone is invited to receive communion. Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion; to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM “In Remembrance” by Buryl Red (1936-2013), arr. by Lloyd Larson (b.1954)

COMMUNION HYMN “Heal Me Hands of Jesus”

Wonder Love and Praise #773

All stand as able.

The musical score is for the hymn "Heal Me Hands of Jesus" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a vocal melody and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Words: Michael Perry. Music: Sharpe, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Wonder Love and Praise #773

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Traditional Gospel Hymn

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