

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 11, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

WE WELCOME THE REV. TERESA WAKEEN, PREACHER AND CELEBRANT

READINGS: 1 KINGS 19:4-8; PSALM 34:1-8; EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2; JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Our Readers: Tom Williams and Kathie Groschner

Organ Prelude: Aria – Flor Peeters

Hymn 410, Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven; To His Feet Thy Tribute Bring

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

The Trisagion is sung once by the cantor, then twice by all.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 First Book of Kings

In our Hebrew scripture reading, Elijah seeks to escape the wrath of Jezebel after his successful contest with the priests of Baal. The number forty reminds us of other biblical journeys and experiences.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A portion of Psalm 34 is appointed. This metrical translation is sung to the tune of Hymn 660

**I will at all times bless you, Lord, and in your praise I lift my voice;
I glory in you and your word, let all the humble now rejoice.**

**Proclaim God's greatness now with me; let us exalt God's Name as one;
I sought the Lord who heard my plea and all my terrors now are gone.**

**Look then on God and let your joy shine in your faces radiantly;
In my distress, I called on God who from my troubles rescued me.**

**Around God's people day by day, the angels stand with outstretched wing;
Taste, then, and see how happy they who trust the Lord in everything.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

In this lesson, Christians are urged to conform to a new way of life which is pleasing to the Holy Spirit. They are to have a love like the love of Christ.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

all stand

**O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord. Alleluia! (5x)**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon -- The Rev. Teresa Wakeen

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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.

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the whole world, for the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord. R.

Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.

In our Diocese: Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield; Canterbury Ministry at MSU, East Lansing
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Korea

For those on our prayer list: Georgina, Christopher, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Ed Haug, Nina, Vicki, Jim Veit, Lynn Kerber.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Life-giving God, open our hearts and minds to see your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation. Accept our penitence and forgive the wrongs we have done. Hear our prayers which we offer this day for ourselves and for others. All this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet each other briefly.*

HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.

Hymn 516, Come Down, O Love Divine, Seek Thou This Soul Of Mine

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

After all have received, please stand and pray together:

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.

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 645, The King Of Love My Shepherd Is Whose Goodness Faileth Never

Postlude: Solemn Melody – Walford Davies

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