

## **SPIRIT OF GRACE**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost with Celebration of Holy Communion

November 14, 2021

The congregation's parts are in **bold**.

### **PRELUDE**

**Now the Silence**

### **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

**DAY BY DAY      ELW 790**

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

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## **THE GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

**Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

### Hebrews 10:11-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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## THE GOSPEL

Open your hearts and your minds to the Good News as it is recorded in **Mark 13:1-8**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

## THE MESSAGE

*Pastor Peggy Rose*

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY

## HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

*So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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## **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from the Iona Community**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in God:**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that wants to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God; And in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the common wealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love; And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. As we go about the task of calling a new pastor, we pray for a spirit of mutual trust and for the ability to speak fully and listen faithfully to each other in our small group discussions with the Pastoral Call Committee today. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, our healer, you know our every need. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially bugs and Wilma and all we name in our hearts before you. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved especially Joyce Campbell. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

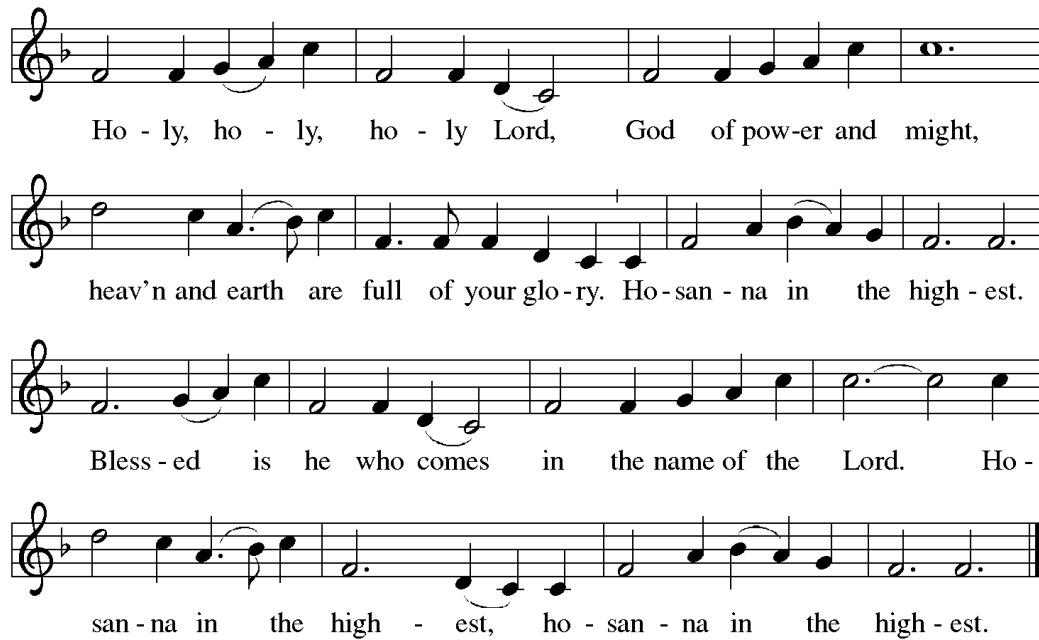
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.



We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the God-bearer, Joseph, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

*All are welcome at the table. It is God's Table and He gifts you with the finest He has. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Our communion elements are prepackaged grape juice and wafer packets for your safety. Please enjoy the communion music during this time and wear a mask if you choose to sing along.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

## HOSANNA

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

*Hosanna hosanna*  
*Hosanna in the highest*  
*Hosanna hosanna*  
*Hosanna in the highest*

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

*Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

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## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Amen.**

## **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed Jesus,**

**at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.**

**Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts**

**until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.**

**Amen.**

## **RECOGNITION AND BLESSING FOR TIFFANY SCHAFFER, FAMILY LIVING CENTER**

## THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING SONG

### HEAR OUR PRAISES

May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn and pray

*From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air*

May our light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water over the seas

*Hallelujah hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah*

From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Hosanna

### Instrumental