SPIRIT OF GRACE Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 31, 2022

The congregation's parts are in **bold**. Thank you for masking while singing to help us worship safely.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

You Raise Me Up

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

1 When the music fades all is stripped away And I simply come Longing just to bring something that's of worth That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself is not what You have required You search much deeper within Through the way things appear You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about You all about You Jesus I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it When it's all about You all about You Jesus

 2 King of endless worth no one could express How much You deserve
 Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours Ev'ry single breath

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
²you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?
⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life; ⁸for the ransom of a life is so great

that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Open your hearts and minds to the Good News as it is recorded in the 12th chapter of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

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3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.*

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for building your church. Strengthen and sustain our Bishops Michael Curry, Elizabeth Eaton, Bonnie Perry and Don Kreiss that they may love and care for your people. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal, especially areas suffering from extreme heat and drought. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God.

receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice, especially in the Ukraine. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and those dedicated to the healing of the nations. Merciful God. receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, especially bugs B., Dave, Leila, Susan L., and Denise. Comfort Lisa upon the passing of her Uncle Dick. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place, especially our Parish Leadership Team and Call Committee. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

<u>MEAL</u>

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

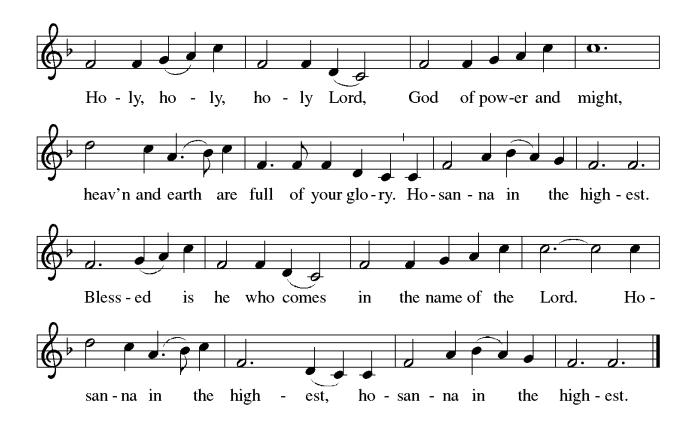
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

All are welcome at the table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Hold your hand under the touch-less dispenser to receive the wafer. Return to your seat to consume it. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please place your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION SONG

I LIFT MY HANDS

1 Be still there is a healer His love is deeper than the sea His mercy is unfailing His arms a fortress for the weak Let faith arise Let faith arise

I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge You are my strength As I pour out my heart These things I remember You are faithful God (You're faithful God) Forever

2 Be still there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
Your grace that washes over me
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Bridge

Let faith arise let faith arise Open my eyes open my eyes Let faith arise let faith arise Open my eyes open my eyes

Ending

Let faith arise Let faith arise

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

<u>SENDING</u>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONGGOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORYELW 705

 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
 crown your ancient church's story;
 bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
 - 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

You Are My All in All

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