

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

AUGUST 15, 2021 AT 10:00AM



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Worship sources used in today's service include:

BCP: Book of Common Prayer
EOW: Enriching Our Worship

HYMN: 1982 Hymnal
LEVAS: Lift Every Voice and Sing

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven*
As sung by the Boston Common

WORDS & MUSIC BY ALBERT KING
ARRANGED BY LOUIS PERRY

Written in 1971, this song comically reminds congregants that our daily actions have eternal consequences. King's lyrics call the believer to not merely "act the part" of a Christian, but to live each day with the ultimate purpose of dying to one's self and living for Christ's kingdom.

OPENING HYMN *Be thou my vision* **PAGE 10**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing*) **BCP 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

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.*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON: PROVERBS 9:1-6 (*please be seated for the readings*)

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live and walk in the way of insight."

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

PSALM 34:9-14 (*read responsively*)

- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
¹² Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
¹³ Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

THE SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58 (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

BCP 358

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. (*pause*)
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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up St. Paul's Columbia, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Southern Africa. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Amy Swiernik, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole N., Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Geta, Hank, Jill Healey, Joanna Torres, Ken Debowski, Ken Kiedrowski, Kerry Cater, Martha, Miriam, Nouracham, Pablo Gouveia, and Sandy Grove; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION

EOW 56

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Abide With Me* WORDS BY HENRY FRANCIS LYTE
Tune: *Eventide by William Henry Monk* ARRANGED BY DOUGLAS BEACH

This hymn is a prayer for God to remain present with the speaker throughout life, through trials, and through death. The opening line alludes to Luke 24:29, "*Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent*", and the penultimate verse draws on text from 1 Corinthians 15:55, "*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*".

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380 (v.3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER 2

EOW 60

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 God thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, heav'n and earth are filled with 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.

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 St. John and 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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**BCP 364**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION**BCP 365**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**EW 70**

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING HYMN *Lead on, O King eternal*

PAGE 13**GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *An Irish Blessing*

WORDS BY J JEROME WILLIAMS
ARRANGED BY DON GRAY

This prayer has a symbolic meaning; for instance, the wind is said to represent the spirit of God, the sun representing the mercy of God, and the rain representing God's sustenance that he provides to us. The three aspects of nature together paint a picture of God taking us in the palm of his hand and guiding us on our journey through life.

BE THOU MY VISION

HYMN 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
 _____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
 3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

HYMN 555

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917) Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

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**GLORIA
LORDAY**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

5:15 p.m. Daughters of the King Meeting (Courtyard)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry (Knitters)
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (Chapel)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

12:00 p.m. Back to School Luncheon (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Berry Festival

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast (First Reformed)

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)
NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BERRY *Festival*

Bring your friends and family as St. John's youth presents an evening of live music featuring local band Blue Sky Falls! Feast on loads of Blueberry, Strawberry, and other local produce and berry themed desserts. All proceeds benefit St. John's Journey to Adulthood program.

Friday, August 20 7:00pm

Cost: Free Will Offering



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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE