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## **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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#### **Prelude**

#### **Processional Hymn** *Please Stand*

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

- J Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before. Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe; Forward into battle See His banners go!
- ~Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
- ↓ Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod. We are not divided, All one body we, One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. ~Onward...
- Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain. Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail; We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail...∼
- J Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song: Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king; This through countless ages Men and angels sing. ∼Onward....

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#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

# But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

The Spirit of God calls forth sacrifices pleasing to God: brotherly love, hospitality to strangers, care for all in need, faithfulness in marriage and the family, fearless joy in the Lord, right faith, and right worship. Let us ask God to forgive our sinful neglect of faith's power to have free course in our life.

Almighty God, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our entire being, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Alone we remain without hope, health, or help. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

A Time of Silence

The God of peace equip you with everything good that you may do His will. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, give to us the power of Your Spirit and equip us with everything good that we may do Your will in lives that are pleasing in Your sight; for You live and reign with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### Hymn of Praise Please Be Seated

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- ▶ Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- ↓ And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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## Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

and his throne will be established in righteousness.

What your eyes have seen 8do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Hebrews 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

- ~On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- J When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. ∼On Christ,...
- His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
   When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. ∼On Christ,...
- When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! ~On Christ,....

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# Holy Gospel Please Stand

Luke 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

## Children's Message Please Be Seated

The Hymn "Beautiful Savior"

- Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
   Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

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#### **Proclamation of the Word**

"Philadelphia" Hebrews 13:1–8

## Offering and Musical Offering

#### Prayer of the Church Please Stand

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

# Lord's Prayer

#### **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

# Recessional Hymn Please Be Seated

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

- ↓ Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining;
   Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
- ~Shine on me, Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

↓ Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; ~Shine on me...

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory; Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
 ∼Shine on me....

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#### **Postlude**