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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Lift High the Cross”

~Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

♪ Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high...

♪ Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. ~Lift high...

♪ All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ~Lift high...

♪ O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ~Lift high...

♪ Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. ~Lift high...

♪ So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! ~Lift high....

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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

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,

For soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed.”

Isaiah 56:1

The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him. *A Time of Silence*

Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.

Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.

Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, our King, 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. We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples. You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation! Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

♪ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

♪ Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

♪ To all life Thou givest— to both great and small— In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish— but naught changes Thee.

♪ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.... ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?... ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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Gradual Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

♪ To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

~Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

♪ O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. ~Praise...

♪ Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. ~Praise....

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Holy Gospel Please Stand

Matthew 15:21–28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt

before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

♪ Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

♪ When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

♪ When the darkness appears And the night draws near And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Asking for Help”

Matthew 15:21–28

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 1)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation. Singing ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 2)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His bride selected. Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

♪ All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

♪ Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Post-Communion Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (v. 3)

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation. Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“When Peace Like a River”

♪ When peace, like a river, attendeth my way When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

~It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

♪ Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. ~It...

♪ He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ~It...

♪ And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. ~It....

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Postlude