



# Pentecost 12

August 15, 2021

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we advocate for a world without hunger. Bread members send letters and emails, make phone calls, and visit their members of Congress about legislation that addresses hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Bread equips its members to communicate with Congress and to work with others on advocacy. It educates members on hunger-related issues and inspires members to be legislative activists as a way of putting their Christian faith into action. Bread works in partnership with churches, campuses, and other organizations to mobilize Christians and others in congressional districts and states. Bread's goal is to help end hunger by 2030. It believes that everyone must play a part in ending hunger, especially our federal government. We work to change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. Bread seeks long-term solutions to hunger and advocates on legislation that addresses the root causes of hunger.

## prelude

### Entrance hymn

tune **790**

In a world where people walk in darkness  
Let us turn our faces to the light,  
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,  
to the Daystar scattering our night.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness  
And the day will overcome the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suff'ring of the helpless  
Casts a shadow all along the way,  
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness  
And proclaim the dawning of the day.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness  
And the day will overcome the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Let us light a candle in the darkness,  
In the face of death, a sign of life.  
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless,  
As a sign of peace in place of strife.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness  
And the day will over come the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

### Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

*A: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*A: O Come let us worship and bow down;*

**C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth  
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of  
the Lord is to be praised.**

*A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the  
Most High.*

**C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his  
faithfulness at the close of the day.**

*A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.*

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**hymn of praise** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **843**

**prayer of the day**

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Almighty God of bountiful provision, because of  
injustice and greed many go hungry. Grant us the  
will and the way to feed our neighbors, give food to  
the hungry and give those of us with food a hunger  
for justice. Through Jesus Christ our bread of life  
we pray, Amen.**

**first lesson**

**deuteronomy 24**

**Y**ou shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice;  
you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember  
that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed  
you from there; therefore, I command you to do this. When you  
reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you  
shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan,  
and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all  
your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip  
what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.  
When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what  
is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*   **C: Thanks be to God!**

## **psalm**

146 (*spoken responsively*)

*Praise the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.*

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,*

**who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;**

*who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.*

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.*

**The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

*The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!*

## **Second lesson**

**2 corinthians 9**

**T**he point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap

bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

*"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever."* [Ps 112:9]

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Sermon

Verse

**886** vs. 1, 4-6

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

**John 6**

**A**fter this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denari would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so, also, the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather together the abundant fragments, so that nothing may be wasted."

So, they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. They filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus learned that they were about to come and seize him so that they may make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

### hymn of the Day

tune 526

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —  
Thousands strong, yet all in need.

"Where is bread?" your people wondered,  
Faced with such a crowd to feed.

Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?

One small boy brought food to share.

Taking what he gave, you blessed it;

All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;

Every day, we wish for more.

God, in time, we're slowly learning:

All we own can make us poor.

Our possessions can possess us,

Leaving hunger deep inside.

Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;

At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;  
Millions cry who must be fed.  
God, your answer seems surprising:  
"You, my Church, you give them bread."  
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,  
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!  
Give us bread and help us share it.  
Richly blest, may we serve you.

Creed

p. 105

Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

845 Vs. 1 & 5

Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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Distribution Hymns

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

tune 861

My brothers and sisters, my friends, who hunger,  
who sigh in their sorrow and weep in their pain.  
My brothers and sisters, my friends, the homeless,  
who wait without shelter from wind and from rain.  
These strangers yet neighbors, I must not neglect.

They sleep by my doorstep, they live in my head.  
These strangers yet neighbors, cry out now in need,  
and I must not feast till the hungry are fed.

Real people are they, women, children, and men,  
and each has a heart keeping time with my own.  
Real people are they, part of us, God's image,  
so what will we offer them, bread or a stone?

Good, Lord hear us now, we make our confession:  
Too long we have wasted the wealth of our lands.  
Good, Lord hear us now, renew our compassion,  
and open our hearts while we reach out our hands.

## Dismissal

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### **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Social Ministry Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Grace Green Team Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

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