

Pentecost 12 Outdoor

August 28, 2022

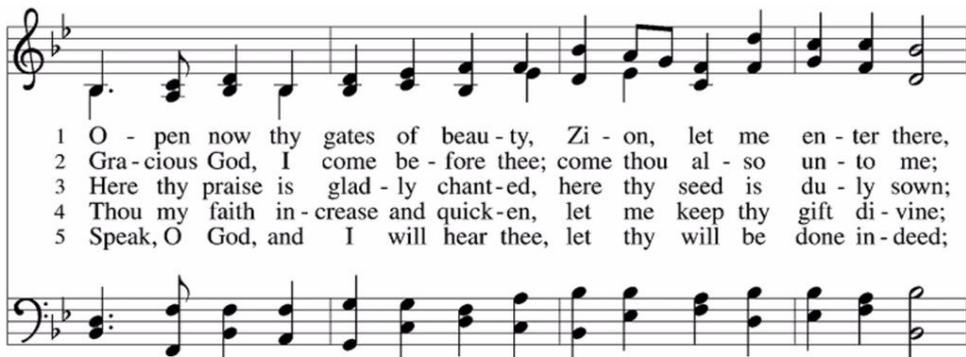
Greeting

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

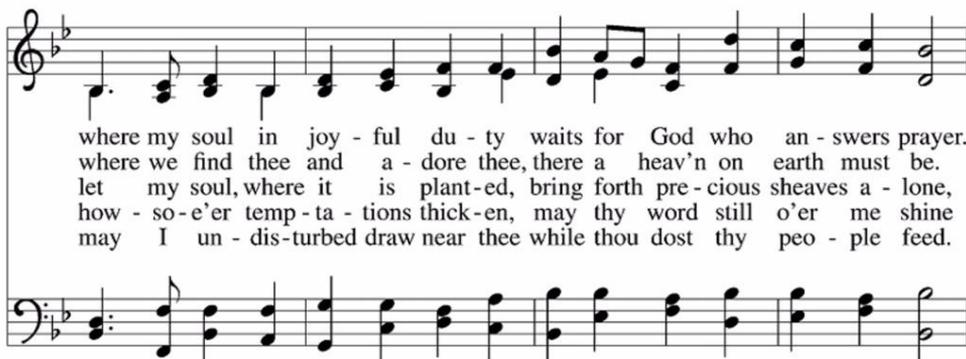
C: And also with you

Entrance Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

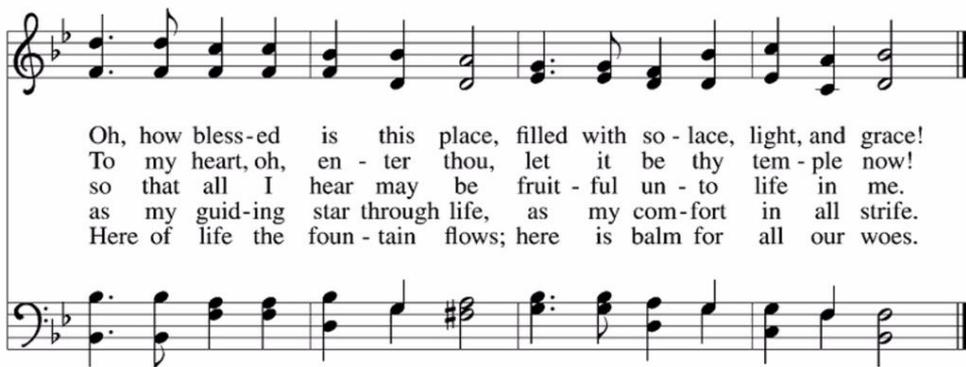
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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Father of wisdom and understand, you lay out for us a path for life that leads us away from despair, anxiety, fear, want and emptiness. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we will have the faith necessary to trust and embrace your plans rather than finding confidence in relying on our own. By the grace of Jesus, do not leave us to suffer too long or too deeply from the logical consequences of the choices we make, but always open to us the way to return to you and, ultimately, experience the consequence of following faithfully. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

I Samuel 8

When the great Prophet Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over God's people, Israel. . . Yet, his sons did not follow in their father's faithful ways, but turned aside after unjust gain; they took bribes and corrupted justice. So, all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to the Prophet Samuel and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways. So appoint a king for us who will govern us just like in other nations."

But Samuel did not think appoint a king over Israel was a good idea. He prayed to the Lord and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to what the people ask of you, for it is not you who they reject in their request, but they are rejecting me as the one who is king over them - as they have always done since the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods. So, go ahead and listen to their voices. Only, you will also solemnly warn them, and make clear to them the consequences of having a king reign over them. "

So, Samuel spoke the words of the Lord to those who had come asking him to appoint a king over Israel.

Samuel said, "This is what your king will do to you. He will draft your sons as his chariot drivers and his horsemen, and his

infantry who will run before his chariots and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and he will require some of you to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and he will force you into making his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to his palace to be his perfumers and his cooks and his bakers. He will come and demand the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards to serve them in his palace. He will tax you one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his own work. He will tax you one-tenth of your flocks. For all practical purposes, you will end up being his slaves. And when the day comes that you realize what you have done to yourselves and you cry out to the Lord because of the abuses of your king – your king whom you have chosen for yourselves – the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel.

Instead, they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us so that we can be just like other nations, and so that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them."

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

Psalm

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*The Lord confronted me in the day of my calamity;
but the Lord was my support.*

**He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.**

*The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.*

**For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.**

For all his ordinances were before me,

and his statutes I did not put away from me.

**I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from guilt.**

*Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.*

**With the loyal you show yourself loyal;
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;**

*with the pure you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.*

**For you deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.**

*It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.*

**This God--his way is perfect;
the promise of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

*For who is God except the Lord?
And who is a rock besides our God?--*

**the God who girded me with strength,
and made my way safe.**

Second Lesson

Colossians 3

Since you have been “raised” in Christ, turn your attention toward higher ideals that come from where Christ is, sitting at the right of God. Take a point of view that comes from there, above, and not from here, below. . . You need to put to death, then, those things that are “of the earth,” like; abusive and disrespectful conduct regarding sex and sexuality, doing what is not faithful and takes you away from being godly, anxiety about life and living, wishing harm on those you don’t like or disagree with, the thinking that your life would be so much better if only you had what others have. These things are how the “wrath of God” is expressed. And, once upon a time, even you lived like that. But now, you need to keep your mouth from being the source of: cruel expressions born from inner unrest, expressions of hot rage and unbridled anger, words spoken with the intention of

causing harm, anything about God which is just not true, dishonorable words and expressions, and outright lies. Having shed your old self and all those things you used to do, and clothing yourself, now, in Christ, instead – Christ who expressed a full knowledge and understanding of the Father who created him and in whom the distinctions of class and ethnicity and social status or occupation, and even denominational differences no longer set one person higher than another or closer to God than another, but all are one in Christ – so, clothing yourself in Christ – you who are indeed God’s chosen people who are holy and loved – so, clothe yourself with the tender mercies of compassion, pity, kindness, a humble evaluative point of view, gentleness, patience in all things with everyone, and being gracious even with those who you might rightly owe you something out of what is thought to be just and fair – for, as the Lord has been gracious with you in this way, so you must, likewise, be gracious with others. And to all these things, add earnest love, which is what completes our fellowship. And let the peace of Christ be the arbitrator in your hearts - to whom you were called in one body. And be thankful!

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

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 13

Then Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. . .

Along the way, some Pharisees came along and said to Jesus, "Turn and go somewhere else far away from here, for King Herod of Israel has been wanting to kill you."

But Jesus said to them, "You go tell that conniving, unfaithful, loser of a King that I say, 'Look, I cast out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day my ministry will be complete. Yet, it is necessary for me today, tomorrow, and the next day to go continue on, because it is not possible for a prophet to be destroyed outside of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, she is killing the prophets and is stoning those being sent to her! How

often have I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and, yet, you did not want be gathered like this. Therefore, behold, your house is being left to you. And, I say to you, you may not see me until you will be saying, 'Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord.'

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me*

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1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Apostles Creed

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 & Passing of the Peace

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

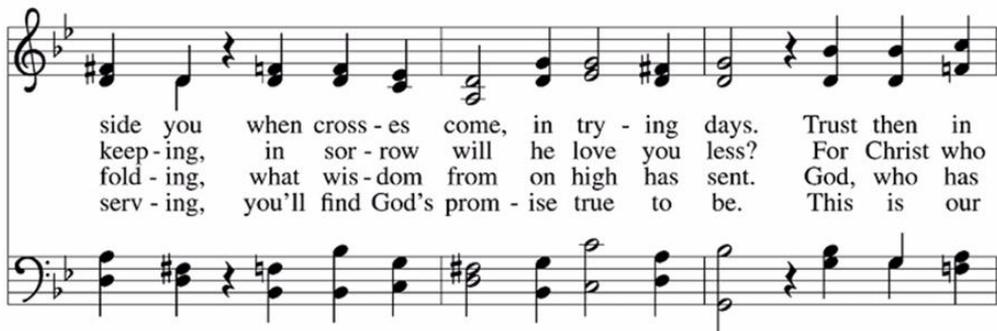
The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Recessional

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Dismissal



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**
At Grace

Sunday August 28

Holy Cow Sunday - Support St. Mary's Food Pantry by enjoying Ice Cream after every Worship Service. Interesting and Regular Flavors from The Blue Pig!

Sunday September 4 - Labor Day Sunday

A special selection of hymns, readings, and prayers to reflect gratefully & thoughtfully on our labors.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Inside