



12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

Opening Hymn #769 WS

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

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

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **[Refrain]**

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **[Refrain]**

3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **[Refrain]**

Invocation

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ Amen.

Introit

P: It is God who executes judgment,

C: putting down one and lifting up another.

P: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

C: We recount your wondrous deeds.

P: At the set time that I appoint

C: I will judge with equity.

P: For not from the east or from the west

C: and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

P: But I will declare it forever;

C: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

P: It is God who executes judgment,

C: putting down one and lifting up another.

Gloria Patri

C ♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend,
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

P The Lord be with you

C ♪And with thy spirit.

The Collect for the Day

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪Amen.

The First Lesson – Proverbs 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's

presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. 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? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another’s secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 131

¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;

my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things

too great and too marvelous for me.

²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

like a weaned child with its mother;

like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³O Israel, hope in the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson – Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep 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?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey 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.

The Gradual

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah

The Gospel – Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And 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?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now 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, ⁹and 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. ¹⁰But 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.”

¹²He 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. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Confession of Faith *Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The
resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day #842
Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2. As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of Love and Prince of Peace;

Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by Your willing,
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;
Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon Text – Luke 14:1-14

Sermon

We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor, and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, our Shepherd, sustain the pastors of Your Church in their sacred charge. Establish them in Your stead, make their life of faith worthy of all honor and imitation, and inspire their hearers to honor You by honoring them. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord our God, at the creation of Adam and Eve You instituted and blessed marriage as the lifelong union of a man and a woman, and You commanded that it be held in honor by all, as a sacred sign of Christ and His Bride, the Church. Grant Your blessing, therefore, to all husbands and wives, and to all who have pledged themselves to be united in holy matrimony according to Your Word, that their lives together in Your name may be sanctified by Your Holy Spirit in all wisdom, purity, self-sacrifice and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of justice, You exalt the humble and humble the proud in Your own appointed time. We commend to You the elected officials of our land. Grant them the desire to govern as though serving, and give them wisdom and courage to know what is right and to follow it. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, grant peace and healing according to Your will to the sick, the suffering, those troubled in mind, those suffering depression, and those with chronic illness and pain [*especially _____ and all those whom we lift before You in our hearts now*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, You call on us to practice brotherly love, to show hospitality to strangers and to remember all those in need. We come to You confident that You will not leave us nor forsake us, but will grant us all that we need for this body and life. Bestow on

us the full riches of Your grace for all the situations and circumstances in which Your people dwell. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Remembering that here we have no abiding city but that heaven is our home, give us Your aid, that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, multiplying Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn #618

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me,
When shall my labors have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2. When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

3. Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend
Where evermore the angels sing,
Where Sabbaths have no end?

4. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

5. Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my labors have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

Prayer & The Benediction

Closing Hymn #764 WS *God of Grace and God of Glory*

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.
From our fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage

Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Silent Prayer

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