

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 31, 2025 ⋅ 9:45 a.m.

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession #9 Not here for high and holy things

Morning Song

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom: now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise Glory to God Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Jeremiah 2:4-13

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE FIRST LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 610.

In our first lesson the prophet gives voice to the Lord's bafflement with the families of Israel, who have strayed far and no longer seek for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Exultate Deo

Please join in reciting the psalm antiphonally by verse, beginning with the left side of the congregation.

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy them with honey from the rock.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE SECOND LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 979.

In our second lesson Christians are urged to live moral, hospitable, and charitable lives, recalling the faith and examples of their leaders, but especially the unchanging Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand as you are able.

The Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Deacon

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE GOSPEL IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 849.

In our gospel lesson Jesus tells a parable about humility and teaches his host that he should invite the poor and infirm to his feasts.

The Gospel of the Lord. Deacon Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

Sermon The Rev'd David Sibley

The sermon is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Brothers and sisters, God will never leave us or forsake us. Let us humbly appeal to our faithful God, saying,

Intercessor We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

People We offer the fruit of our lips.

We pray for the leaders, those who speak your word to us, especially Gretchen, our Bishop, and Sean, our Presiding Bishop. May you whole Church listen for your voice and obey your words. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Church of South India. We pray for the Diocese of Spokane, especially for the mission and ministry of Redeemer, Republic.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

O God, you exalt the humble and humble the exalted. We pray that the leaders of the nations will serve their people in humility and manage their affairs with justice. May the poor and lowly be treated with respect and shown mercy. We pray especially for Donald, our President, Bob, our Governor, for legislators, judges, and all in public service.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

You have created a beautiful planet, full of wondrous creatures and magnificent works. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

We pray for all laborers: for those who work, that they might be fulfilled; for those in need of work, that they might find meaningful employment; for those who are struggling to make ends meet, that they might receive a fair wage for their labors. In labor and in rest, be glorified by all we do.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

We pray for the strength to do your will. May we boldly and compassionately welcome the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. May all of us know you as God our helper.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

O God you invite those who have died to feast at your heavenly banquet. We take great hope in the promise that not even death will cause you to leave us or forsake us.

Silence

We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;

We offer the fruit of our lips.

At the end of the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The people respond: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able. Silence is kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as you are able.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

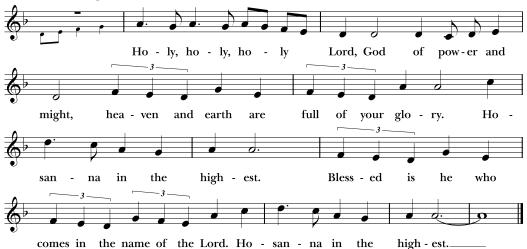
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

The Celebrant continues, offering our thanks for God's work in creation and for God's revelation to God's people throughout the ages.

Then the Celebrant says:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People Robert Powell



The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

The Celebrant recounts before God how we were made in love and for love, and how, when we fell away from God's purposes, Jesus Christ lived among us to reconcile us to God. The prayer continues, recounting and remembering the Lord's institution of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the last supper to feed God's faithful people throughout this life and in the ages to come.

Then the Celebrant says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant voices our prayer that the Holy Spirit will descend upon our offerings of bread and wine so that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will also descend upon us, filling our hearts with God's presence as we prepare to receive them.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

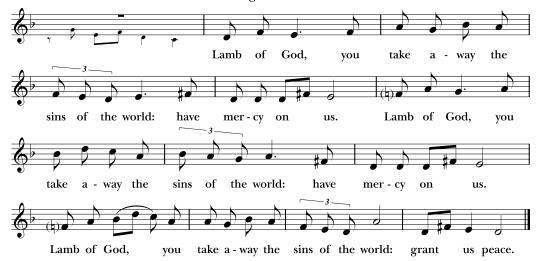
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God Agnus Dei

Robert Powell



Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to God's table.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion, may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the liturgy; it would be our joy to walk with you as you enter into life in the body of Christ.

Following the invitation the congregation may be seated and then come forward at the direction of the ushers.

All wafers used for Holy Communion are gluten free.

Communion Hymn #WLP-812 I, the Lord of sea and sky





Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

Welcome and Announcements

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday; Anniversary; Milestone Prayer

Any worshipper with a birthday, anniversary, or milestone to mark is invited to come forward at this time.

Offerings are accepted to benefit outreach ministries at St. Paul's, however, no offering is necessary to come forward for prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants in the journey of *their lives*. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people. The people respond: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a Dismissal.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession #477 A praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

Postlude



We believe Jesus when he says that by his life, death, and resurrection, "I will draw all people to myself."

Following his example, St. Paul's warmly invites all people - of all ages, races, means, politics, sexual orientations, and gender identities - to grow as Jesus' disciples together with us and fully participate in our church's sacramental life.

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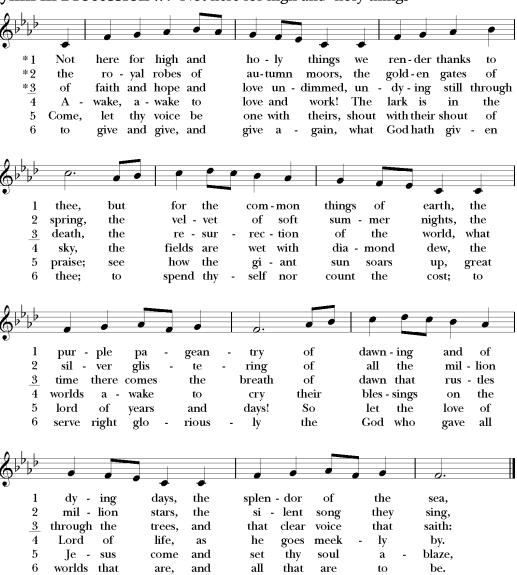
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Morning Song

Hymn in Procession #9 Not here for high and holy things

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