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• Season of Pentecost 2023 •  
Blessing of the Animals



**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C Amen**

P Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**C You have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed**

**by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you**

**and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN LBW #527 "All Creatures of Our God  
and King", verses 1,5,7**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray, Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Job 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; <sup>8</sup>ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. <sup>9</sup>Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? <sup>10</sup>In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

A Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD  
from the heavens; praise God  
in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted,  
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all  
faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.  
Hallelujah! shall not be in want.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9**

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL Luke 15:1-7**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

*Guest Pastor*

**HYMN OF THE DAY "God Dog Song", solo by Corey Olver**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF INTERCESSION**

*Congregation prays in unison.*

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,**

where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and  
where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. (*Please safely share a sign of peace.*)

**OFFERING** (*Please place in plate in vestibule or Mail to church*)

## OFFERING PRAYER

P God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

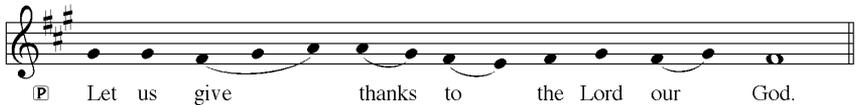
### DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

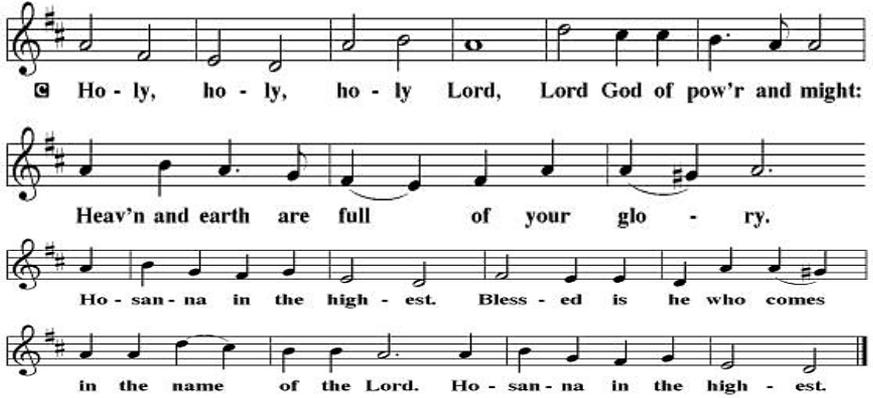


C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty ... and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

P In the night in which he was ... do this in remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*(Please come forward to altar by center aisle.)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Response: Amen.*

*When all have communed, the minister may say:*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May God, who created the universe, and us together with all the creatures of earth, continue to protect and sustain us all, now and for ever. In the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Savior,

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Blessed be your name, O God,  
 for we have feasted on your Word,  
 Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
 Strengthened by this food,  
 send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
 where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
 In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The God of glory,  
 † Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
 and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN WOV #767 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE.**