

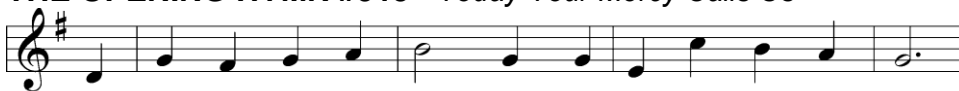
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2023

“Dogs Eating Crumbs”

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #915 *“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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(please stand)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT Psalm 28:1–2; 6-7; *antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

P: The LORD is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P: To You, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me,

C: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

C: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

P: Blessed be the LORD!

C: For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**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.**

P: The LORD is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

(please be seated)

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

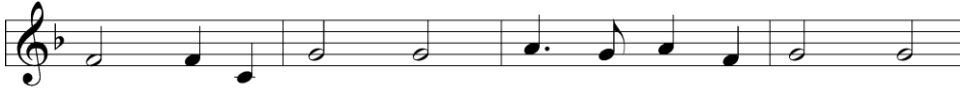
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE #950 *"Splendor and Honor"*



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon My salvation will come, and My righteousness be revealed. . . . And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast My covenant—these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 (ESV)

I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He

foreknew. ... Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(page 205 in the hymnal)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C: *(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: *(spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR AUGUST ~ Romans 12:21

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #779 *“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”*



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

**5 While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.**

**6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.**

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THE SERMON *“Dogs Eating Crumbs”* Text: Matthew 15:21-28

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS *(LSB #805)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following response: “Let us pray to the Lord.” “**Lord, have mercy.**”)*

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We left 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 truly good, right, and salutary Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (page 208 in the hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#550 "Lamb of God"



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

#636 (verses 1, 5-8) "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est
6 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,
7 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, You once
8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -
friend of friends, most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -
left Your throne in heav - en On the cross for me to
glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:
sir - ing, Fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing:
lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,
vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,
At Your feet I cry, my mak - er, Let me be a
To fore - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Your
By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -
fit par - tak - er Of this bless - ed food from
blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and
deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.
heav - en, For our good, Your glo - ry, giv - en.
liv - ing, Lord, I praise You with thanks - giv - ing.
give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

#729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

**5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.**

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#725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father . . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS