

The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost  
 Sunday, August 20, 2023  
 Morning Prayer 10 a.m.  
 Incumbent: Archdeacon John E. Anderson  
 Director of Music: Jeff Campbell  
 Celebrant: Beth Morum, Lay-Reader

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Prelude "Voluntary No. 8" *arr. Paul F. Page*  
*Jeff Campbell, organ*

Processional Hymn 398 "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind" *Monkland*

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

O Lord open Thou our lips  
**And our mouth shall proclaim Thy Praise**

O God make speed to save us  
**O Lord make haste to help us**

**Glory be to the Father  
 And to the Son  
 And to the Holy Spirit  
 As it was in the beginning  
 Is now and ever shall be  
 World without end Amen**

Alleluia!  
 The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth  
 O Come, let us worship

Gathering Prayer  
 Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you gather in what has been rejected, restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded. Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast may be welcomed and all may be blessed. **Amen.**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

The Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands  
 Serve the Lord with gladness  
 And come before His Presence  
 With a song.  
 Know this: The Lord Himself is God  
 He himself has made us  
 And we are His  
 We are His people  
 And the sheep of His pasture

Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
 Go into His courts with praise  
 Give thanks to Him  
 And call upon His name  
 For the Lord is good  
 His mercy is everlasting  
 And His faithfulness  
 Endures from age to age.

Gathering Hymn 429 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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The Proclamation of the Word

PSALM 133

*Reader* Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

***Refrain* How good it is for all to live together in unity.**

*Reader* It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

***Refrain* How good it is for all to live together in unity.**

*Reader* For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

***Refrain* How good it is for all to live together in unity.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32 page 1099-1100

Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

MATTHEW 15:21-28 page 949

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Sermon Beth Morum, Lay-Reader

Solo "Speak, O Lord"  
Monica May, soloist

arr. Getty/Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!

## Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary**  
**He 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**  
**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**  
**And life everlasting**  
**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution (Based on John 15:9-17)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

(Silence is kept.)

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace      *Please stand*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also, with you.**

*(All may exchange a sign of peace with a bow, a smile but please no physical contact)*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, Let us pray as Our Saviour has taught us saying together:

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings Beth Morum, Lay-Reader

Closing Hymn 444 "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"

*Thornbury*

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us and keep us  
 May the Lord make his face to shine upon us  
 And be gracious to us  
 The Lord look upon us with favour  
 And grant us peace  
**Amen.**

Sung Benediction "I Offer My Life"

Don Moen

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you, O Lord;  
All my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and pain, I'm making them Yours.

**Refrain** Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through,  
use it for your glory; Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my  
praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen, wishes and dreams that are yet to come  
true; All of my hopes, all of my plans, my heart and my hands are lifted to you.

**Refrain**

Postlude "Rondeau" from the "Abdelazer Suite" arr. Henry Purcell  
Jeff Campbell, organ

*We wish to thank Monica May and Dean Jobin-Bevans  
for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.  
A special thanks also to Beth Morum for leading the service.*

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