

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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8:00 am

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## HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite I

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Opening Acclamation *(standing)*

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

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

#### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,**  
**and all that grows upon the earth, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \***  
**O whales and all that move in the waters.**  
**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \***  
**and all you flocks and herds.**  
**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor

#### First Reading

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### The Invitation

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### The Administration of Communion

##### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

#### The Blessing

##### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### The Comfortable Words

#### The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

### Welcome & Announcements

#### The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People:*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***

***Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

***Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the celebrant continues:*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ

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

## Psalm 82

1

**God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

2

**"How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?**

3

**Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;**

4

**Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5

**They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

6

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7

**Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"**

8

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

### Second Reading

#### Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Gospel

#### Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### Sermon

The RevBradford Rundlett, Rector

### Nicene Creed

*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.*

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Dear people of God, let us pray.

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Great Creator, hear our prayers for your creation. Renew our awe and appreciation for the world you have made. Make us good stewards. **Help us cherish the earth, and preserve all life.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Spirit of God, hear our prayers for humanity. Turn our wars into peace, our cruelty into compassion, greed into generosity, poverty and oppression into prosperity. **Grant us the courage and grace to reconcile and restore the human family.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Divine Majesty, hear our prayers for this nation. Bless and direct all of our elected officials. Guide your public servants as they struggle with the challenges of these times.

**Help us work together for the good of all.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Merciful Savior, hear our prayers for the victims of human violence and natural disasters; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We commend them to your loving care

and ask you to heal their infirmities, return them to your service, and change their sorrow into joy. **Give us the knowledge, wisdom, and compassion to mend your wounded people.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Sovereign Christ, bless forever all who have died and those who are dying now. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms extended in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. **Confirm our faith and strengthen our hope.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Spirit of life, hear our prayers for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia, our Bishops Shannon Sherwood Johnston, David Colin Jones, and Edwin F. Gulick; and for St. Timothy's. Perfect our faith, ignite our passion to accomplish your good will, make us agents of grace. **Help us spread faith, hope, love, and joy, throughout your world.**

*(Pause)*

*Leader:* God of abundance and providence, you made us, named us, love us, and bless us beyond all accounting. **We thank you, and we praise you.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer ourselves to your service. **Help us honor and serve you, now and always. Amen.**

### The Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

#### *Most merciful God,*

*we confess that we have sinned against thee*

*in thought, word, and deed,*

*by what we have done,*

*and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved thee with our whole heart;*

*we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*

*For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,*

*have mercy on us and forgive us;*

*that we may delight in thy will,*

*and walk in thy ways,*

*to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

### Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***