

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023 10:30 AM





We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

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If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook, or watch when you can on Vimeo! *facebook.com/episcopalloudon* or *vimeo.com/episcopalloudon*







HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

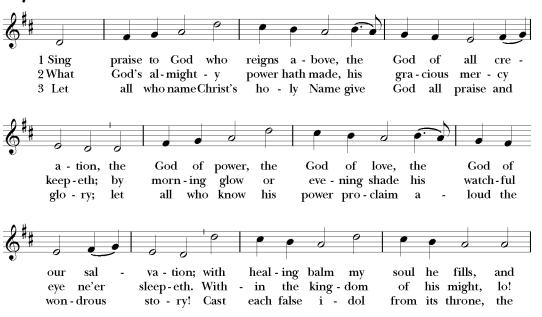
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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**.

Hymn of Praise



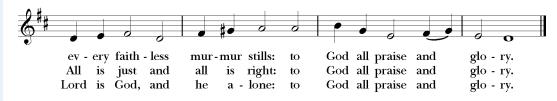
We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions

are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that "liturgy" means worshipping together. It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The first prayer, said by the celebrant, is the Collect for Purity. A collect is a particular form of prayer, which names some attribute of God or something God has done, asks for something specific and then closes with praise to God. For centuries, this collect for purity was said silently by the priest. The Prayer Book of 1552 made this prayer a public one said aloud by the priest for all the people gathered.



Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

The Collect of the Day

BCP 232

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

People

The First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant

Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when. This is known as a lectionary. The Christian communities began to add

on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133 BCP 787

Lector We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

letters of Paul and others to their service. It was these readings that became in time our New Testament. Our pattern is to read a portion of the Old Testament, followed by a portion of a Psalm and then a reading from a New Testament epistle, or letter.

The Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! 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.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:10-28

All stand

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus' words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions,

murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting 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." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food 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, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Sermon

Ms. Kelly Johnson

A **Sermon** or a shorter teaching called a homily follows the Gospel. Since 1549, a sermon has been required at every Eucharist service.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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;

We use the **Nicene Creed** on Sundays, and the Apostle's Creed for Baptism. Both are ancient statements of faith.

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

Sisters and brothers, there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea! Therefore let us come before our loving God, saying, "Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord, help us."

Loving God, you have shown your Church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church, may those beyond our walls also experience the goodness of your mercy.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Lord of all peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. Cause wars to cease and generosity to prevail.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Abundant God, you make the earth bring forth good food. As you provided for the children of Israel, we pray you teach us how to provide for all those suffering from famine or need.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our communities.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith find your heart open to their cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, especially Charles; Dave & Pam; Rick & Mali; Cal & Diane; Diana N.; Chuck & Nancy; Sandy; Peggy Ann; Frank; Jean R.; Pat; Vicky; Tom; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

God of blessing, bless your people with life evermore. May the dying find comfort; may the dead rest in your peace.

Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Officiant says to the people
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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. The **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God's forgiveness.

The **Peace** is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another.

The Liturgy of the Table

The second part of the liturgy moves to the Table. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance.

We begin with the Offertory. In the early days of the Church, worshippers brought their own bread and wine to the service. The deacons chose what was needed for the

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 Officiant 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 BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5;2*

Offertory Anthem

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings

Doxology

Parish Announcements

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you. Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

Order Order Daughters of the King

May we pray for you?

Daughters Your prayer request will be prayed over by members of our local chapter in confidentiality for the next month.

How to request prayer: You can fill out a blue card found in the narthex, in the back of the pew, or on the information table in the parish hall.

Place the card in the wooden box in the narthex. It will be brought up with the offering plates at the next service. You can also place your card directly in the offering plate during the service.

You can make prayer requests directly by contacting the current chapter president, Kelly Johnson: kjchurch917@gmail.com.

DISCIPLESHIP STUDY OFFERING

Ever wondered what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ - a disciple in the full sense of the word? **Beginning Sept. 6th** at 11:00 (on Zoom), our Wednesday Bible Study will forge new ground as they read and discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's (*The Cost of*) Discipleship.

This powerful book has been a classic since its first publication in 1937, and for good reason. In it, Bonhoeffer wrote, "Christian love draws no distinction between one enemy and another, except that the more bitter our enemy's hatred, the greater his need of love. Be his enmity political or religious, he has nothing to expect from a follower of Jesus but unqualified love."

Curious? Challenged? Come join us! Books are available in the office for \$17.

IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!

This September marks **60 years** of The Church of the Resurrection in Loudon County! Since 1963, we have been living our mission of *Glorifying God by Refreshing Souls*, *Bridging Communities*, and *Engaging People in Service*.

To celebrate, we are throwing open our doors and inviting everyone - folks who haven't been here in a while, past clergy, the local organizations we support, and our community - for an open house celebration.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, tell your kids to come back and visit! We'll share cake & Tic Toc ice cream, music, & stories with our friends!

60 Years of Loving Our Neighbors Open House Celebration Saturday, September 9th 2:00-4:00 pm

STEEKEE SECOND SUNDAY

Our next collection day for Steekee Elementary is September 10th.

For September, we'll send socks. Steekee serves Pre-K (4 years old) through 5th grade (10-11 years old), so there is quite a range of sizes walking the halls of the school. All sock sizes are appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Charles; Dave & Pam; Rick & Mali; Cal & Diane; Diana N.; Chuck & Nancy; Sandy; Peggy Ann; Frank; Jean R.; Pat; Vicky; Tom; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

Our altar flowers today are given by
Peggy Rogers, in honor of Frank Rogers and
Trish Dooner, in memory of her sister, Beryl Ann Pronti's birthday

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 - Bill & Betsy Schwindt

8/3 - Judy Keller

8/5 - Alice Anderson
Dianna & Pete Stimpson

8/3 - Ron & Kathleen Bailey

8/12 - Pam McAfee

8/15 - Linda Lefler

8/23 - Ruben Weaver

8/24 - Betty Martin Juliana Mott

8/25 - Gloria Andrzejewski Charles & Beth Stahr

8/27 - Jen Hennes

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire Sandy

Rob & Sherry Tom & Nancy

Lynnette Cheri
the Garretts Richard
Sara Jane
Sue Millie

Rachel & Unit Virginia
Jackie Shannon

Jim Donna

Mel

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For those who Influence Public Opinion (BCP, p. 827)

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Your Calendars

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 8/21

7:00pm - AA (open meeting)

6:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, 8/22

10:00am - Open Table Tuesday

Wednesday, 8/23

1:00pm - Pastoral Care Cmte. Meeting

6:00pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, 8/24

3:30pm - AA (women only meeting)

Saturday, 8/26

9:30am - Daughters of the King

8:00am - St. Stephen's Vestry Retreat

Sunday, 8/27

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service

9:15am - 'Ask the Rector' Returns

10:30am - Holy Eucharist Service

Acolyte: EM: Monty Ross Jackie Buttinelli Lector:

Bill Perry Drew Hawley & Usher: Keytha Graves

Chancellor: David Baumgardner Coffee Hour: Ginny Tolbert Offering Counters Andy Hadjian &

Monty Ross Bob Cantine Video: Altar Guild:

Janey Coombes & Judy Egan

Flower Guild: **Betty Martin**

Acolyte: EM: August 27th

Drew Hawley Judy Egan Jackie Buttinelli

Lector: Usher: TBD&

Bill Schwindt Art Stewart Chancellor: Coffee Hour: Betsy Schwindt Offering Counters: TBD &

Bill Schwindt Tom Flood Video:

Janey Coombes & Judy Egan Altar Guild:

Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner

Sept 3rd

Acolyte: **Monty Ross** EM: Jackié Buttinelli Lector: Usher: Tony Adams Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas Chancellor: Jenny Lucas

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Coffee Hour: TBD
Offering Counters: Andy Hadjian&
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Bill Schwindt Video: Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts

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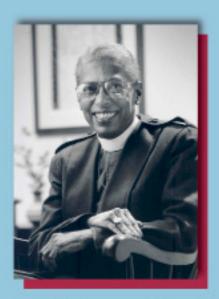
Aug 27: Ask the Rector Anything* Returns

Office Closed for Labor Day Sept 4:

60th Anniversary Open House Celebration Sept 9:

Check your Parish Tidings and keep a look out for upcoming details!

Diocesan Announcements



Celebrating Bishop Barbara Harris

Join us on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm Eastern at Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, for a service celebrating the life and ministry of Barbara Clementine Harris, the first female and first African-American bishop ordained in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Our featured preacher is Bishop Phoebe Roaf, Bishop of West Tennessee.

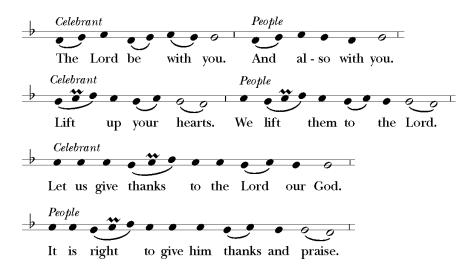
Barbara Harris, born in 1930, grew up in Philadelphia. She was active in the civil rights movement. She was ordained a deacon in 1979 and a priest in 1980. In 1989, she was ordained as a bishop and served as the diocesan bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

A reception will follow the service.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367



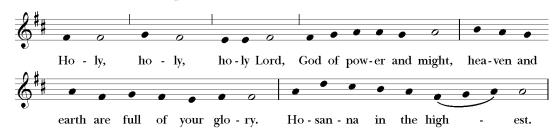
The Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

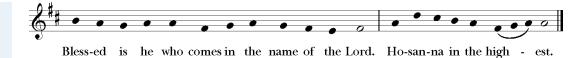


consecration, and the rest was set aside for the poor. Today, the bread and the wine along with money collected at some services are the offerings that will be presented to God.

When we gather together we remember Jesus. Through repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, we ourselves join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, but we enter into the story as we too take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

Though they remain ordinary bread and wine, the elements of communion become the outward signs of inward grace. That grace, or gift from God is Jesus' presence in the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This presence is not the result of a magical incantation on the part of the priest. No set of words makes Eucharist happen. It is the whole action taken together that effects the Eucharist: the gathered community of faith remembering Iesus' last meal with his disciples and calling on the Holy Spirit to transform the gifts of bread and wine into spiritual food and drink. It is God's action that makes the Eucharist.



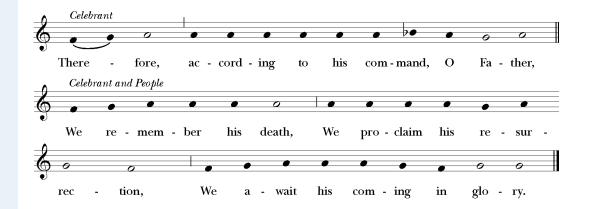
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant and People



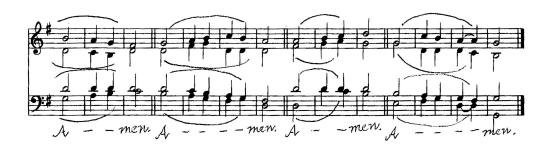
The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to

you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

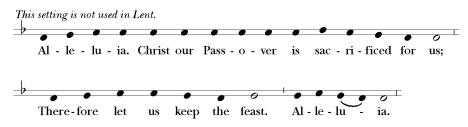
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before, and has been a practice since the 2nd century. Today we sing our amens.

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "Lord's Prayer" is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the Faithful

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen**.

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

Receiving Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. For now, wine is available both in individual cups and from the chalice. Please partake in the way you feel comfortable. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.

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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD The Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Postcommunion Hymn Jesus shall reign where'er

Hymnal 544

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dismissal - As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us in thanksgiving for all God's good and gracious gifts.

TODAY'S ART THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Joseph and His Brothers

1657 Gerbrand van den Eeckhout (1621–1674) Oil on canvas SkoklosterCastle, Sweden

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In the center of the painting, Joseph embracing Benjamin. Joseph dressed in footside robe of gold brocade or similar, red ermine fringed cloak and turban. On the left, eight men, three of them kneeling. On the right, a man and a table with a gold trophy and two books. Signed and dated GV Eeckhout fe Ao 1657.

The painting depicts the scene in Genesis 45:14 where Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and embraces the youngest of them, Benjamin. The dramatic setting directs the light towards the center of the composition with the two figures embracing.

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