



12th Sunday after Pentecost

¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:18-19



Welcome

Prelude "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW #596

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. ALL: Glory 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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell any one that he was the Messiah.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.



Message

Music will be played after the message. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . . for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

(we will add your prayer of thanks.)

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare ... for all who work for peace and international harmony ... for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction ...

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

(we will add your prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with us always.

C: And also with you.



Communion

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, (please lift the body of Christ) and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C:Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(eat the body of Christ)

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, (please lift the blood of *Christ)* gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(drink the blood of Christ)

Music will be played. You may hum along.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Postlude

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

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