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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER
(A Celtic Folk Service)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation — Musicians

Welcome

P: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” *[ESV]*

* Hymn — ***Canticle of the Turning*** — **ELW # 723**

Rory Cooney, 1990 / Irish folk tune

* Greeting — *WOV page 46*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Dialogue

P: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors by the prophets;

C: but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

C: call upon him while he is near.

P: The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart;

C: that is the word of faith that we proclaim.

* Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **ELW # 834**

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 / Welsh folk tune

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18*

L: A reading from Ecclesiasticus, the Wisdom of the Son of Sirach.

12 The beginning of a person's pride is to depart from the Lord;
his heart has forsaken his Maker.
13 For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it will pour out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brought upon them extraordinary afflictions
and destroyed them utterly.
14 The Lord has cast down the thrones of rulers
and has seated the lowly in their place.

15 The Lord has plucked up the roots of the nations
and has planted the humble in their place.
16 The Lord has overthrown the land of the nations
and has destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.
17 He has removed some of them and destroyed them
and has extinguished the memory of them from the earth.
18 Pride was not created for human beings
nor fierce anger for those born of women. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *112*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 112.

1 Praise the LORD!
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

2 **His offspring will be mighty in the land;**
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 **Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;**
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

6 **For the righteous will never be moved;**
he will be remembered forever.

7 He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

8 **His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,**
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.
10 **The wicked man sees it and is angry;**
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

L: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me? 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



* Acclamation *Be Thou My Vision* **ELW # 793**

Anonymous Irish Poet, c. 700 / Irish folk tune

* Gospel: *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the
Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed
how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8 "When you are
invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of
honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, 9
and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place
to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest
place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so
that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with
you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who
humbles himself will be exalted."

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be
repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the
lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay
you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** **ELW # 631**
Charles Wesley, 1747 / Welsh folk tune

*** Apostles' Creed** *WOV page 49*

P: In Christ, we have heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation.
C: We believe in him and are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

P: In trust and hope, we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayer

Reconciliation

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P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C: and pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C: and look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new.

P: Let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Peace

WOV page 50

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways,
encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Lorica *(Prayer for Protection)*

P: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

Put on the whole armor of God... that you may be able to withstand in the evil day… having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit. *[ESV]*

Solo *I Bind Unto Myself Today (Saint Patrick's Breastplate)*
Saint Patrick, c. 400 / Irish folk tune

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy and Pat McCluskey.

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 52*

L: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 52*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.



Closing Prayer

(inscribed on Saint Cuthbert's tomb in Durham Cathedral)

P: Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people:

In your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing *(traditional Irish)*

P: May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And may God hold you in the palm of his hand,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Let All Things Now Living*** **ELW # 881**

Katherine K. Davis, 1939 / Welsh folk tune

* Dismissal *WOV page 53*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Musicians

Hannah Circle

Meeting on Sunday, September 7th after Worship Service.



Chime and Choir Practice

Will begin on Sunday, September 7th,
Chimes at 10:45am.
Choir at 11:15am.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, September 11th at 12:30pm for potluck.
Entertainment will be provided by Deb Leininger.

Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday, September 14th during Worship Service.

September 21st, *Rally Day*, kick off for Sunday School.
Sunday School begins on September 28th.

Attendance August 17th

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