

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 23, 2020**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Introit: Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18**

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

As for me, I have set my King

**on Zion, my holy hill.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be 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.**

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

**Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1–6**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.**

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 11:33—12:8**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
**before the gods I sing your praise;**

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
**and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**  
**for you have exalted above all things**  
**your name and your word.**

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
**my strength of soul you increased.**

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
**for great is the glory of the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
**but the haughty he knows from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
**you preserve my life;**  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
**and your right hand delivers me.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**  
**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### Sermon: "Look to the Rock" Isaiah 51:1-6

### Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth.**  
**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day He rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy Christian Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

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