

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

See Insert

Only Trust Him, 337

Grace Greater than Our Sin, 365

With masks on we welcome each other to receive the Bread and Cup. We also welcome one another to receive the anointing with oil at which time we will offer prayers for healing and hope. Simply come to a station nearest you for the anointing and laying on of hands.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE OIL

Upon anointing and laying of hands, we pray: "*May the power of God's indwelling presence heal you of all illness - in body, mind, spirit and relationships - that you may serve the Lord with a loving heart. Amen.*"

PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING

Almighty God, who is all-vulnerable and all-merciful, we pray all who are here may be comforted in their suffering and made whole. When we are afraid, give us courage; when we feel weak, grant us your strength; when we are afflicted, afford us your patience; when we are lost, offer us hope; when we are alone, move us to each other's side; and when death comes, open your arms to receive us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN*

Go Forth for God, 670

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace. Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare

11:00 am

by Antonio Soler, Arranged by E. Power Biggs

OFFERING— *Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give online at (raynenola.org/contribute), texting "giverayne" to 73256, or by using the QR Code.*



WE WELCOME ALL— *All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org.*



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021



"Christ the Healer" at Resurrection Catholic Parish (7' x 6' egg tempera on gesso, 2017)

Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Wells by Barbara and Ed Beckman.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood
*Healing is impossible in loneliness; it is the opposite of loneliness.
Conviviality is healing. To be healed we must come with all the other
creatures to the feast of Creation.* ~ Wendell Berry

PRELUDE

Andante Felix Mendelssohn, 11:00 am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lenda Faye Matthews, 8:45 am
Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath, 11:00 am

Creator of Life, Creator of our lives, together we turn to you.
Hear and heal us, Lord, we pray.
Giver of love, Lover of our lives, together we reach out to you.
Hear and heal us, Lord, we pray.
Restore us to wholeness, and grant us your shalom.
We are fragmented and fragile, frightened and frail.
In your saving love there is healing for our minds, bodies and spirits;
there is an invitation to turn again to your grace,
to turn away from actions that fracture our community and to enliven
our passion for peace with justice.
Together we trust in you for newness of life.

adapted from David G. Miller, "Health," in Christian Reflection, The Center for Christian Ethics, Baylor University (2007)

HYMN *

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 519

PRAYER

The healing presence of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord. You call us to be in
relationship with one another. You promise to dwell wherever two or
more are gathered. In our community, we are many different
people; we come from many different places and have many different
cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the wealth
of holy love and joy of diversity among us. God of truth in your
wisdom, enlighten us. God of hope in your kindness, heal us. God of
all people in your goodness, guide us.**

adapted from Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr, "Shake us from our slumber"

**The People Standing*

RESPONSE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, 103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our
eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may
attend children's church in the education building.*

OFFERING

*Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the
usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am

You Visit the Earth

Maurice Greene
Ed. and arr. K. Lee Scott

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it,
and crownest the year,
the year with Thy goodness.

Leonard Raybon, 11:00 am

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. H.T. Burleigh

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul
Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again
If you can't pray like Peter
If you can't be like Paul
Go home and tell your neighbour,
"He died to save us all!"

HOMILY

"According to Your Faithful Love"
Psalm 51:1-17

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 519

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

HYMN

Go Forth for God, 670

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit, daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face.

2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.

4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

We come to you aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others. We have allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls; we have used our privilege to harm others or to neglect your work for peace among all your people.

When we are defensive about ugly histories of discrimination and abuses of power, please transform us. When we are resistant to admit collective sin against our sisters and brothers in brown and black bodies, please deliver us. When we are slow to repair relationships broken by hurtful uses of influence, please inspire us.

Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. Melt our hard hearts and fill us with your perfect love that casts out fear. Bind us together in unity for your glory.

(silence)

PARDON

Hear the good news: shame lives within us no more. God's grace is sufficient for us all. May the power of Christ dwell in our souls, lift up our spirits, and urge us to works of mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.