



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

23 August 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD [PART ONE]

Prelude

Opening Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham Praise”

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend,
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore. . . .

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy,” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father. great I AM, we worship thee.”

5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” they ever cry;
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity **Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]**

Hymn of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo (metrical version tune: St. Thomas)*

1 Glory to God on high And peace to all on earth;
Lord God, almighty Father, King, We praise you for your worth.

2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, You take our sin away;
Now seated at the Father’s side, Have mercy when we pray.

3 You are the Holy One, Most High, Lord Christ, alone,
You and the Holy Spirit with The Father on the throne.

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *The Collect of the Day is offered.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. [Isaiah 51:1-6] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 138 *read in unison*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans. [Romans 12:1-8] The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 517 “How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”

- 1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs with in thy courts to be;
My very heart and flesh cry out, O living God for thee.
- 2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
How happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest.
And happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim’s quest
- 3 They who go through the dessert vale will find it filled with springs.
And they shall climb from height to height till Zion’s temple rings
With praise to thee, in glory thrones, Lord God, great King of kings.
- 4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away;
How happy they who keep thy laws not from thy precepts stray,
For thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Matthew 16:13-20] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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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; 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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader concludes each petition: God of mercy.

*And the People respond: **Hear our prayer.***

During the silence following each petition, the people may add their intentions.

Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All: 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. 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 Priest says the Absolution

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem *From Glory to Glory Advancing*

The Lord's Prayer

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 522 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day;
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.
- 4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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COMMUNION AVAILABLE TODAY

You are invited to our back parking lot to continue our worship and to receive Holy Communion at 11 o'clock this morning. Please print the "Addendum" to this bulletin and bring it with you. When you arrive, orient the front of your car toward the top of the stairway and tune to 92.7 FM. Consecrated bread will be brought around to each car. We will offer a "Fellowship Hour" after this form of worship when we are no longer a COVID hotspot. Communion will again be offered in two weeks. There will also be safe access to the Sacrament of Unction.

Please bring or mail your gift for *7 on Sunday* today.

We have a Care Team which is helping us stay in touch by telephone. Call 843.999.0888 for anything whatsoever.

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to **The Church of the Messiah, P O Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.**

These are trying times. If you or someone you know has special needs, please contact Fr. Ferebee confidentially at 843.999.0888.

If you are not able to participate with us in the back lot today at 11, please make an act of Spiritual Communion. It may be found at messiahmb.org under the "Library" or "Online Worship" tab.



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ADDENDUM FOR

HOLY COMMUNION

for those coming to the back parking lot to receive communion.

Please print this section and bring it with you.

You may, alternatively, bring your Prayer Book and go to page 361 ff.

*As you arrive, please park your car facing the back stairway
(ignoring the faint painted parking lines) and tune your radio to XXX FM*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.

***It is made ready for those who love God
and for those who want to love God more.***

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,

You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is the Almighty's will that those who want God should meet God here.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

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Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Officiant says: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion (bread only) is distributed. It is enclosed in a tiny bag which was created while masked and gloved. It has also been frozen for two weeks for additional safety. After all have received, we join to pray:

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



We are the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in the City of Myrtle Beach. Our **Vision** is to be an intentionally inclusive community called to love the Lord and to serve God's world in a spirit of reconciliation, hope, and healing. The **Mission** of our church is to practice following Jesus to experience for ourselves and share with others God's love by serving the world in Christ's name.