



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021 Holy Eucharist
Hybrid Service 9:00 AM
Followed by Coffee Hour

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Owen Lawrence Poch and his cousin Leo.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

[Proverbs 9:1]

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Rev. John Elliott Lein

Eucharistic Minister: James Jones

Lector: Touie Jackson

Musicians: Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch, Mary Johnson

Ushers: Touie Jackson, Charlie Johnson

Altar Guild: Lisa Ruggiero

Digital Ministers: Kevin Keppler, Justin Richards

Prelude

Please stand.

Opening Hymn 488

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art –
 thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in my dwelling and I one with thee.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria

Let us say together:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs [9:1-6]

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, ***for those who fear him lack nothing.**
 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
 11 Come, children, and listen to me; ***I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**
 12 Who among you loves life * **and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking ***and your lips from lying words.**
 14 Turn from evil and do good; ***seek peace and pursue it.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians [5:15-20]

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Mary Johnson, Cantor

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John [6:51-58]

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Let us say together:

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.

The Prayers of the People

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, saying Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, be glorified in your church. Give us faith to trust in you, that we might always believe the truth of your word.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, look in mercy upon your children. Inspire understanding in those who do not yet seek your ways, and guide us in the ways of your justice.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Lord Christ, you tamed the raging of the sea and the strength of the wind. We pray you to shield our crops from drought and heat; bless our fields and waters from the heavens.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, we hold in our hearts all victims of violence—especially those whose lives are devastated by gun violence. May they, and those who love them, comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of your comforting love.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Jesus, you said to your disciples, “It is I; be not afraid.” Comfort all who are in trouble, need, or sickness, especially those we now name, silently or aloud . . .

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O God, you have gathered as your family those on heaven and earth. We pray for those who have died that they may rest in your eternal presence, and we pray that we ourselves may live this life on earth with joy and courage before joining your saints forever.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Let us say together:

O God, as we begin new ministry with Father John, Miriam, Elise, Will, Seth, and Dietrich, may your love be present in all aspects of our ministry. When you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love: Grant that all we say and all we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please kneel

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 stands and says

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.
Amen.

The Peace

Please stand. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Christ in his self-offering, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say the prayer Our Lord taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup.

Communion Anthem

Jeff Lukas

Please stand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us say together:

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.

Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, fill your hearts with the love of God. And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen**

Closing Hymn 812 (WL&P)

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Daniel L. Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

CHORUS:

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.

*I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?*

CHORUS

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?*

CHORUS

Dismissal: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude