

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 2, 2024

9:30 AM

## PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Ellacombe*

## + Gathering +

## WELCOME & RINGING OF THE BELL

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation may stand.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness (ELW 521)



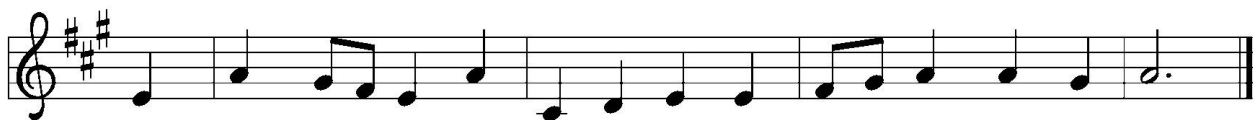
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;  
 4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams  
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.  
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.  
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.  
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## + Word +

### READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>2</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 81:1-10

*Read responsively, the congregation reads the verses in bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of  
Egypt,

where I heard a voice I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the  
waters of Meribah.

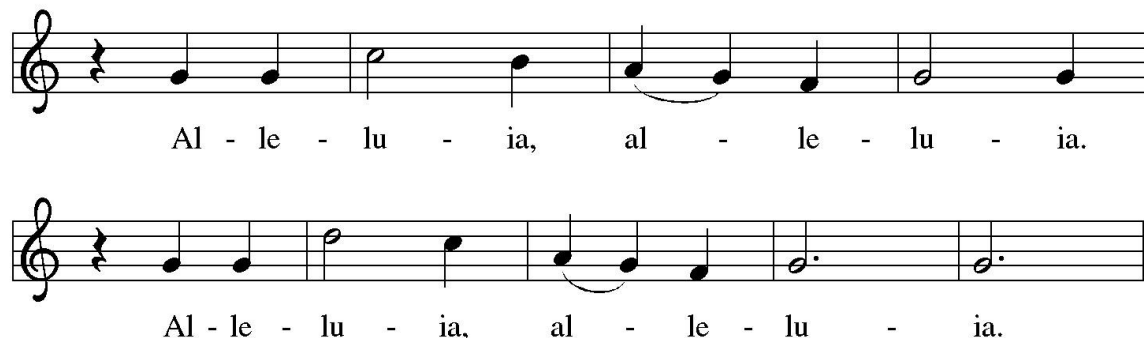
<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;

you shall not worship a foreign god.  
**<sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation may stand.*



GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

The gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

*The congregation may be seated.*  
Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

*The congregation may be stand.*  
O God of Mercy, God of Light (ELW 714)



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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;  
he descended to the dead.  
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.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the green season of abundance we will have ample time to pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts. You are invited to pray for all things, joys as well as needs through standing, kneeling, or sitting. Let us pray,

As we journey through the long days of summer, guide us to seek new missions for the church. Pray for the work of God's people. . .

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

The nights are short and the days are long, you have called us into communion with the earth's seasons. Pray for God's creation...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

We live together in communities, yet we are a people of your divine dominion. Pray for just governance and nations...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, we often fail to see your image in one another causing us to fall into sins of racism, sexism, hate, and all that we do to separate us from each other. Pray for transformation...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

For those who hurt in mind, body, spirit, we pray for your hand. Pray for the healing of one another...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Pray for what you wish to share today...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting God who raises us out of death, we give thanks for the people who have gone before us into your embrace. Pray for our beloved dead...

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## + Meal +

### OFFERTORY

*We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!*



### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Meditation on *Llanfair*

by Brenda Portman

### OFFERTORY VERSE

*The congregation may stand*  
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

D Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/F# G

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the

F#m<sup>7</sup> G/A D Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/F# Bm<sup>7</sup>

Lord; we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the

Em<sup>7</sup> GM<sup>7</sup>/A A Dsus D D/F# G

house of the Lord. And we of - fer up to

F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D Dsus/E D/F# D<sup>7</sup>

you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we

G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D

of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND 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.

We gather at your table, . . .

. . . to whom we offer all honor and praise from this day forth and forever more. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*The congregation may be seated.*

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.*



## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The congregation may stand.*

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, Bread of life,**

**we have received from your table**

**more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,**

**now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

**In your name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**+ Sending +**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin  
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

by John Bennett

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## SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
<i>Director of Youth &amp; Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Luke Duroc-Danner
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Reader:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Usher:</i>	Alan Swanson
<i>Livestream Camera:</i>	Luke Rasmussen
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Jan Wendel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastoral Transition and Call Committee Update**

As an input to our call papers, the Church Council and staff participated in the Synod's Three Pathways Assessment. This highlighted some areas around sustainability that will impact our call. Please join us the church leadership during coffee hour this morning for conversation, shared thoughts and ideas on what this means for the type of call we seek. We value everyone's opinion so we hope all can join.

### **Audrey Neace's Senior Recital**

Come help us celebrate our wonderful soloist, Audrey Neace, at her senior recital. She will be performing in Northwestern's Galvin Recital Hall at 8:30pm this evening. The concert will be an hour long, and there will be a reception held afterwards. For more information or questions, contact Luke Duroc-Danner ([luke@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:luke@stjohnswilmette.com))

### **St. John's Spring Clean-Up for Family Promise**

#### **Sunday, June 9th, following Worship & Coffee Hour**

Before everyone breaks for summer, we are coming together to get our spiritual house in even better order. Pitch in for a little while, as long as you can stay, or join us from start to finish. We are looking to clean up and clean out some of our lower level areas to make nice, new rooms for our next visits from Family Promise families. We want to provide them with clean and fresh spaces to stay in. Lunch and beverages will be served to everyone who stays and pitches in to help for our St. John's community refresh! Invite your friends. There will be something for all ages to do. Everyone is welcome for this day of doing good work together. Please check your e-news for more details.

### **Migrant Response Project**

Buses continue to arrive at the Wilmette train station with migrants who have been transported here from Texas. The buses arrive unscheduled, and the Wilmette Police and volunteers try to assist the migrants to get "Take Care" packages and coats before they get on the train to Chicago processing centers. In connection with SaLT an organization in Highland Park, volunteers have packed bags with hygiene items, water and snack bars to give to the migrants when they leave the bus, along with winter coats that have been donated by the public.

Residents Heather Oliver and Debora Morris (also of the Wilmette Rotary Club) are the primary coordinators for the Wilmette rapid response team of volunteers. They are using our "Colorful" room downstairs to collect, sort and pack donations.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Family & friends of Rena  
Leinberger, wife of Karl and  
mother of Shayna, Brandon and  
Jordan, who passed away  
4/26/24
- † Sandy Kaspar, sister of Bill  
Kaspar, recovering from  
abdominal surgery
- † Tom Fries, friend of Jim Dossa,  
cracked vertebrae
- † Family & friends of Lorraine  
Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- † Buckley Crist
- † Family & friends of Peter  
Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye  
Smith
- † Family and Friends of Hing  
You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of  
Jim Dossa, who passed away
- † Family & friends of Viola  
Gonder, mother of Craig  
Gonder, who died 8/7/23
- † Congratulations to Dano  
Johnson & Emily Mock, who  
were married June 17, 2023
- † Family & friends of Richard  
Rusz, who died 6/6/23
- † Family & friends of Karen  
Daugherty, aunt of Erin  
Rasmussen, who died 5/8/23
- † Margaux Tauszig,  
granddaughter of Wolf  
Peddinghaus
- † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire  
Sainson, sister of Olga  
Domchenko and sister's  
husband, in need of healing
- † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave  
& Lyn Brunn, recovering from  
spinal cord injury

## NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Brenda Portman (b. 1980) is an American organist and composer. Born in Grafton, Wisconsin, she began studying the organ in high school before eventually getting a Bachelors then a Masters in Organ and Church Music. Afterwards, she participated in a variety of national organ competitions, and in 2014 she was the only female American organist to compete in the prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition in Montréal. She earned a doctorate in 2016 from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, and she currently serves as the resident organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati. Increasingly in recent years, she has also been commissioned by the American Guild of Organists and individual musicians, and she has written predominantly for solo organ, organ-plus-instrument, and choral works.

John Bennett (1735-1784) was an English composer and organist. Little is known of the details of John Bennetts life beyond the fact that he had served as the organist for thirty years at St. Dionis Backchuruch in London, which has since been demolished. Charles Burney, an English musicologist, later wrote that Bennett was a very diversely talented musician who performed professionally as an organist, violist, a singer, and a dancer. He was also well-regarded enough to attract Handel to his performances. While he likely composed many works, the only remaining works are three hymn tunes and his *Ten Voluntaries for Organ*.