



**8:00AM**  
**DIVINE SERVICE**

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
23 August 2020

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**AS WE GATHER**

God's people have gifts that are signs of His loving presence and demonstrations of His gracious power. In a sermon preached in 1538, Martin Luther observed, "Whoever comes to faith can only say that the Holy Spirit comes when and where and to whom He pleases at the time He pleases. He comes when and where He pleases and also gives a person as many gifts as He pleases" (*WLS* § 2057). As people in whom the Spirit dwells, we have the joy of discovering special gifts of God in one another and in ourselves as well. May that mutual discovering and celebrating be truly God pleasing in every way!

**PRELUDE**—Pastorale on "*O Word of God Incarnate*"

arr.Lani Smith

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** "*O Christ, Our True and Only Light*"

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**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**INTROIT**

Psalm 2:6-7; Psalm 117; antiphon Psalm 115:18

<sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have set My King  
on Zion, My holy hill."

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, "You are My Son;  
today I have begotten You.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

<sup>2</sup>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.**

<sup>18</sup>But we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

**KYRIE** ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men. (Sit)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (*The salvation of the Lord will be forever.*) Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness,  
 you who seek the LORD:  
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
He comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to Me, My people,  
and give ear to Me, My nation;  
for a law will go out from Me,  
and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
My salvation has gone out,  
and My arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for Me,  
and for My arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but My salvation will be forever,  
and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

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.

**C** **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.**

**EPISTLE**                    *(We are one body with Christ.)*

Romans 11:33-12:8

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How  
unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His  
counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory  
forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your  
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual  
worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal  
of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is  
good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of  
himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,  
each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body  
we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so  
we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of  
another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use  
them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one  
who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one  
who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does  
acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

Ephesians 2:19b-20

**L** Alleluia.  
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens  
with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** *(Stand)*

Matthew 16:13-20

*(Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand”*

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**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** *(Stand)*

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**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

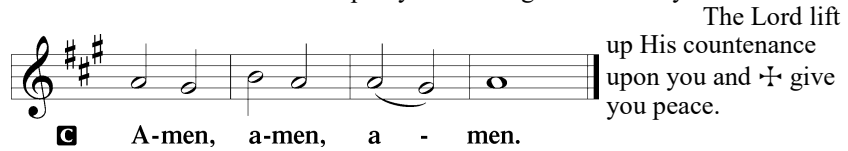
**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

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- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN** “*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*”

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**POSTLUDE** – *ST. DENIO*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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